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THE BOOK OF CAROLINE

Chapter 254 A New Beginning

Within Mercouri's territory, in the Ispis Plains.

Small lights flickered in the air at night time in that plains.

They look like fireflies from afar, creating a scene that creates a good atmosphere just by looking at it.

"That's it?"

"Un, it's called Hemish. They are the ones polluting the water sources around here"

The one who explained the lights beside me was Melissa.

A woman wearing the Solon Church's clerical garment, the Immortal Saintess Melissa.

Her nickname comes from her unique constitution.

She was once a martyr, surviving seven executions over seven days, a woman who holds what they call a miracle within her.

After surviving that incident, she was proclaimed as a Saint by the Solon Church, and right now, she is a famous person whose name is known to everyone.

By the way, the Solon Church is this world's largest religion. There believers among the members of the royal family and nobles of each kingdom.

She's a Saintess from the Solon Church, so one could say that Melissa has a social status comparable to that of the royal families.

However.

"I would think of this every time, but why are you the one taking care of these kinds of monster subjugations?"

"I was asked to, so. And, this is a kind of missionary work too. There are still many

people in the world that do not accept Solon Church's teachings. With the things that I've done, I just hope that there would be a little more people who would believe in the teachings of the Solon Church"

Melissa spoke frankly like a neighborhood childhood friend, but used the lines befitting of a Saintess.

"I'm sorry, Kakeru, for making you accompany me like this"

"It's my woman's request. Don't mind it too much"

I said and unsheathed Eleanor.

I left Hikari behind. It's late at night so it's time for Hikari to sleep.

"And, what was it again"

"Its color will change. It could only be attacked in the instant it changes to the color red from its current color"

"Its color changes huh"

While raising Eleanor—I looked at white spots called Hemish.

The firefly-like lights that floated in the air. There are around a hundred of them, but there wasn't a single one that changed its color.

[It's gonna change. Concentrate]

"What?"

Being told by Eleanor, I concentrated and focused my eyes.

I stared intently, and found out that they are really changing colors.

It only changed within a hundredth of a second. In other words, the lights are basically flickering, with red lights flashing at a fixed interval.

"I see"

"Did you see it?"

"Yeah. I only need to attack when it's red right? What happens when they are attacked at their normal condition?"

"They'll regenerate. Although it depends on the strength of the attack, it's fine to think that they would completely regenerate at the maximum"

"I see"

It means that being able to accurately attack within a hundredth of a second is required huh.

[Can you do it?]

"I should've brought Hikari"

[You can show her how awesome you are any time. Just let her sleep]

"I guess so. Melissa, I'll be going"

"Un! Do your best!"

The Saintess Melissa who is wearing highly ranked clerical clothes, she cheered on me cutely as if she was a girl watching a baseball match.

I turned my back to those cheers and went towards the Hemish.

I stared and—released a slash using Eleanor.

Following a horizontal blade flash, the Hemish popped like a firework.

"I guess that's enough huh"

[Seems so. And, because of that, they look angry right now]

Just like Eleanor said, after I defeated one of them, the remaining Hemishes charged towards me.

However, that's all.

I concentrated, focused my vision on the Hemishes that charged, and defeated each of them after matching the hundredth of a second timing.

A cyclone of light was created.

Under the moonlight, the cyclone of light swirled around me.

The near one hundred Hemishes were annihilated within a minute.

They dropped ten lottery tickets, so I picked them up, and put them in my Different Dimension Warehouse.

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"Good job!"
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"Was that all?"

"Probably. According to the villagers, they are only here"

"i see. To be sure, let's stay here for a while and check"

"Is it okay?"

"It's a ship that has sailed after all. But in return"

"In return?"

I pulled Melissa who was tilting her head to an embrace and kissed her.

Being kissed so suddenly, she looked clueless while blushing.

"Accompany me while waiting"

"Un! As long as you want"

I looked at Melissa in my arms. Her face that was lit up by the moonlight looked more beautiful than usual, making me want to give her another kiss.

I leaned to her face when I was thinking of that, but.

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"Hya!"
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"What's the matter?"

"T-That thing"

Melissa suddenly raised a scream and pointed to a certain direction.

I thought that more Hemish appeared and looked there.

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"That is... Opis?"
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"0-0pis?"

"Yeah"

I nodded.

What appeared was not Hemish, but Opis.

It's the white snake that I saw when I went to the past using the ticket I won from the lottery.

That one snake appeared in front of us.

"This is the first time I saw a monster like that, does Kakeru know what it is?"

"It's a monster that's troublesome. Although strength is just decent, when it is chopped by a Demon Sword, it would divide into two or even more while retaining its strength"

"Retaining its strength?"

"It could be called as a natural enemy of Demon Swords"

[It's not strong enough to be called as a natural enemy]

Eleanor seemed a bit disgruntled.

It looks like she was annoyed that a creature in that level would be described as her natural enemy.

"The Demon Sword's natural enemy... that's why Kakeru knows"

It's not because of that, but I didn't correct her as well.

"Then, I'll do something about it"

"Melissa will?"

"Un. It's just decently strong right?"

"Yeah, it's just as strong as its huge body looks"

Although it's not that strong, it isn't weaker than it looks.

"If so, then I'll take care of it"

"What are you going to do?"

"If there is only one with ordinary strength, if it is mutual destruction—"

"Denied"

I denied Melissa's suggestion without letting her finish.

The Immortal Saintess Melissa. It might be a good strategy to aim for mutual destruction when there is only one monster.

It might be, but I won't let her.

"But"

"Melissa should just stay put. Although it's troublesome, although it's troublesome"

I left Melissa behind and moved forward holding Eleanor.

"Let's do it"

[Umu]

I charged together with Eleanor and chopped the white snake—Opis.

Feeling the touch of the blade when I chopped it hundreds of times in the past era, I chopped.

The Opis immediately regenerated after being chopped into two, and just like in the past, it turned into two white snakes that look exactly the same.

"That's amazing, to think that a monster like that exists"

While listening to Melissa's muttering, I continued to chop with Eleanor.

Although the snake that divided and it is as strong as it was, its endurance, its so-called HP decreased.

If there is one that has 10 HP, after I dealt 1 damage, then there would be two snakes with 9 HP.

When I attacked the snake with 9 HP, then this time, it would divide into two snakes

with 8 HP, and after that is two snakes with 7 HP, and so on.

In the end, if its HP reaches zero, it would be defeated, unable to divide any longer. That's what the monster called Opis is.

That's why, I only need to think that when one appears, I need to defeat hundreds of them.

I raised my gear of slashing.

"Mu!"

[...this is]

I felt something wrong, and it wasn't just me.

Eleanor also reacted. Since she did, there's no doubt that it's not just my imagination.

"What's the matter, Kakeru?"

While I felt that, I stopped swinging Eleanor around, so Melissa asked worriedly.

"It's nothing"

I said, and continued to chop the Opis.

I chopped and let it divide, then chopped those that divided.

I chopped, chopped, chopped—

"I-It increased so much! What are you going to do with this?"

Melissa who saw it for the first time was confused, but I didn't mind and continued to chop.

The Opis continued to multiply. Its number explosively rose but quickly reached its peak. It stopped dividing and quickly reduced its numbers.

And just like that, after I defeated all the Opis.

"Amazing... the Kakeru I saw today might be the most amazing I've seen so far"

While saying that, Melissa looked surprised.

On the other hand, Eleanor and I found out the reason why it felt somewhat strange.

[After you chopped them, they did not simply multiply. They multiplied in numbers while slightly increasing their strength]

"Yeah"

That's right. Unlike the Opis in the past, the more I chopped the white snakes, the more they became stronger.

And for the last Opis's, they were so tough that I felt that I could not split them into twos if I do not use my full strength.

"There's nothing wrong—"

[—is what an idiot would think in this situation]

Eleanor and I had the same opinion.

Chapter 255 All Exterminating Flames

"That's so amazing..."

Melissa looked amazed in front of the countless corpses of Opis in front of her.

Although she is wearing clerical clothes, she's different from the other priests that I know.

She is a dauntless woman who can stand on bloody battlefields, scenes of carnages without faltering.

And right now, she looks completely unaffected in front of a mountain of snake corpses.

"Kakeru, you became stronger again?"

"Just a little bit"

[Oi, don't be too modest. I regained my peak strength. I won't let you call it as just a little bit]

Eleanor protested, but I ignored her.

"Leaving aside the snakes... it looks like they didn't appear"

My battle against the Opis took me some time.

I could do nothing about it since it's an opponent that would increase its number the more I kill it.

We decided to wait here for Hemishes to appear, but even after passing some time, it doesn't look like they would appear.

"It looks like there's no more"

"I think so too"

"Thank you, Kakeru. It was very helpful"

"Don't mind it. I just went to a date with my woman"

I said, then pulled Melissa into an embrace and kissed her.

"Thanks..."

She blushed, answering with a face happy with more than one reasons.

But that was only for an instant. Melissa who looked like she was indulging my embrace quickly regained her face as a Saintess.

"The only thing left is to wait for the water"

"Wait again? But the Hemishes are already annihilated"

I have defeated all of the sources that pollluted the water around here—

[You idiot]

"Mu?!... ah, I see"

Being called by Eleanor, I noticed it as well.

Cutting off the main cause, doesn't mean that the water would be purified immediately.

We could only wait for the water that was polluted to naturally cleanse itself.

"It would be great if there's heavy rain, but it can't be helped. From how the water flows around here, it would be fine after waiting for half a month. It's enough if I could provide the water during that period. Thank you, Kakeru. Thanks to you, it became a lot easier"

"Oi, Melissa"

From her words, I involuntarily imagined what she's planning.

"What?"

"The water provided, it will be donated by the Solon Church right?"

"No? I'll pay for it myself. It's fine. Donating water is a small thing. With Kakeru's help, I know now how much I should provide, so—ow!"

I knocked on Melissa's head.

The Immortal Saintess Melissa. She has an undying body that would recover even if she was split into halves by Eleanor, so I knocked a bit stronger.

"W-What are you doing?"

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"There's a limit on being too kind" was what I wanted to say, but.

[Kuku, those are useless words for that selfless Saintess whose lifework is to save people—hey!]

I also gave Eleanor who spoke cheerfully a flick of my finger.

After doing that, I looked at Melissa.

Melissa whose covering her head with her hands while looking at me with teary eyes. ...*sigh*.

"Let's go to the water source"

"Eh? Why—Ah, wait for me, Kakeru!"

I ignored Melissa and quickly walked. Melissa caught up soon.

I walked in strides with her following me from behind.

We arrived at the water source where the sound of flowing water echoed within the darkness.

"It's here huh, the water source"

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"That's correct, but what are you going to do?"
"I'll purify it at once"
"H-How?"
I only need to burn it with flames.
The first magic that I learned—I received with my body after coming to this world is
Flames Magic.
If I use all the magic powers I possess at once, then—
[Shall I lend you my powers?]
"Do you have a good idea?"
[Not exactly an idea, but it's the powers I regained]
"He~"
[I could use it myself, but... I'll give it you. Make that Saintess retreat]
"Melissa, move back. I'll prepare to do it"
"U-Un. I got it"
Melissa obediently moved back as she was told. After taking a few steps back, she tilted
her head and walked a few more.
"Is that enough?"
[No problem. Are you ready?]
"I can guess what it is, do it"
[Kukuku]
Eleanor laughed, she seemed so cheerful, yet so evil.
The next instant, my body was enveloped by flames.
It was the flames released by Eleanor, it was dark flames.
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"Kakeru?!"

Melissa called out with worry. I raised my hand to stop her.

There are two ways to learn magic in this world. One of them is this.

If one is able to survive after receiving a magic attack, and if that one possesses the aptitude, then they would learn it themselves.

And, all of my aptitudes are multiplied 777x, a state where I could learn any magic as long as I get hit by it.

The only thing left is to endure.

Eleanor's dark flames were more terrifying than the usual.

It doesn't only burn in the surface, I could even feel pain from deep within my bones. But I endured, I endured while releasing all of my strength.

The flames continued to burn for a while. But finally, it was finally extinguished.

"Are you alright, Kakeru?"

"You found out what I'm doing halfway right?"

"But it's still worrying. It looked so... it was simply terrifying"

"It's Eleanor's flames after all. Just its looks are terrifying"

[Hmph, what do you mean just its looks]

Eleanor protested. Of course, she wasn't seriously angry.

"Now, let's do it"

I once again faced towards the water source.

I reached out my hand, using the dark flames that I learned from Eleanor.

Dark flames only the size of a spark slowly flicked while it advanced, but the moment it entered the water source,

B000SH!!!

The flames instantly surged.

It burned upwards as if the ordinary water turned into gasoline.

The water source was instantly enveloped by dark flames.

The water evaporated as soon as it touched the flames, but it did not end with just that. It continued to burn the ground.

That only happened for five seconds, but the water source turned into a lake that was completely dried.

But although all of the polluted water was extinguished, it does not mean that the water source was destroyed.

New, fresh water quickly sprang out.

"It should be alright now"

"Kakeru's really amazing... I couldn't imagine this way of solving it"

"It's all your fault", I thought, but I didn't say it out.

Instead,

"I'll make you pay for it, personally"

"Un! Gladly"

The Saintess that I pulled into an embrace nodded with her happiest smile.

Chapter 256 The Saintess's Miracle

I came to a town called Nuktar for the first time together with Melissa.

Although it's my first time here, it's near Orycuto's valley, so I warped to Orycuto's valley and then walked while the master of the valley tries to run away.

It's a medium-sized town, not reaching the size of a city.

That was the impression I got after entering Nuktar.

"It's lively here"

"It's a town famous for making liquor. You can find distilleries everywhere here, with distillery craftsmen gathering here from all over the kingdoms"

"Distillery craftsmen?"

I asked Melissa back with the unfamiliar word.

Strictly speaking, it's about the unfamiliar combination of words.

"Do you know about distillation? It's about a technology to evaporate liquid and remove the excess substances. The people who could use that magic gathers here"

"Distillery magic? Does that even exist"

"More specifically, it's a combination of flames magic and ice magic"

"I see"

It was a bit disappointing after learning the trick behind it.

I thought that there's a convenient magic that instantly distills, but that was not the case.

"You can't make fun of it you know? Before that magic was created, equipment was used to create liquor. But no matter how good of an equipment it is, the scent or even the flavor of the equipment might be transferred to the liquor. But using that magic,

the distillery craftsmen can heat and cool the liquid mixture without using equipment, so they can create distilled liquor without off-flavor"

"I see. It's amazing if you put it that way"

I was impressed this time after hearing more about it.

I don't know how much the equipment from normal distillation affects the flavor, but I can understand from what she said that making it with magic would create excellent liquor.

"They say that it is difficult to use that magic, especially when it comes to its balance. Craftsmen would need to train more than ten years before they can be treated as a full-fledged distillery craftsman"

"Craftsmen everywhere are probably the same"

"I agree"

I walked around the town just like that with Melissa.

As expected of a town of distillation, you can see more liquor shops and bars from ordinary towns, with the delicious smell of snacks to accompany the drinks could be smelled everywhere.

Naturally, it's very lively here.

Good liquor and good food. With the combination of the two, it was enough to make the town festive.

"And so, where's our destination?"

"It's an inn a few blocks away from here"

"An inn? Not a church from the Solon religion?"

"We're just still propagating around here"

Melissa said with a faint wry smile.

The reason why I came here with Melissa is because she told me that it's an official business of the Solon Church.

I knew that Melissa would listen and complete requests from different villages, but I suddenly recalled that I hadn't seen her act officially as the Saintess of the Solon Church, so I came with her.

That's why I thought that we would go to a church.

"I hope that with my efforts, there'll be more people who would believe in the teachings of the Solon Church"

"I see. And so, what exactly are we going to do?"

"We're making a miracle"

Those words the Melissa said, if it came from a different person, it would definitely sound extremely suspicious.



On the northern part of the town Nuktar, there is a wide square that is used for events like festivals.

A tall platform was placed there, with townspeople gathering around.

The platform was covered by cloth except for the top part, so no one knows what's happening inside.

Melissa is in there. Currently preparing along with other people from the Solon Church.

I am with Eleanor, looking at it from a distance.

"What's she planning, she said that it's about a miracle right?"

[Who knows. I don't have a clue]

"God's miracles are tricks of magicians, huh"

[More specifically, it's called tricksters. It is easy to tell if it's magic just by trying to sense the flow of the magic powers. Even if someone does that, it won't be considered as a miracle]

"From my perspective, magic could be used to perform miracles too"

[I guess so]

Within my women, only Eleanor knows that I'm a modern man—she understands that

I am someone who came from another world. Probably because I've been with her for a long time.

Because we're connected, she can understand that other world to a certain extent, getting the meaning of what I said.

[Does she plan on getting her head chopped again? After all, she's an undying who knows lots of ways to die]

The execution held for seven days, making Melissa famous as the Immortal Saintess huh.

An ordinary believer who was executed seven times because of martyrdom, but survived after not dying even after her head was chopped off. That incident was widely publicized, making her famous as the Immortal Saintess.

She's doing that again?

[What do you think? Want to stop them?]

"It's something that Melissa decided. I'll see it through"

[You answered instantly. That's so, you]

Eleanor said in a voice that felt surprised but in a positive way.

I continued to wait, wait until they start.

After a while, Melissa appeared on the platform.

Wearing her clerical clothes from the Solon Church, she stood their exuding a divine air.

As soon as she appeared, the people who gathered clamored.

"Hey, is there really going to be a miracle?"

"Believe me"

"Yeah... well, I'll be glad if my foot heals, but..."

I heard two men talking nearby.

[We'll finally see that miracle thing]

"Yeah, healing injuries. It's a common means"

[The problem is how that Saintess plans on doing it. That woman, can she heal other people again?]

"Eh? —don't tell me!"

I realized a certain possibility after hearing Eleanor's words.

"Melissa, wait! Stop there immediately!"

I shouted with a loud voice, but it was already late.

Melissa spread out her arms on top of the platform. At the same time, a divine and blinding light were released from her body.

The square was enveloped by light.

There were many voices clattering about, but more than that, screams of joy and delight could be heard everywhere.

"My hand, I can move my hand"

"My eyes can see clearly!"

"That painful headache disappeared as if didn't exist"

Every one of them raised a voice about their injuries and diseases getting healed.

That itself is a good thing. It is, a good thing.

However.

"Uu..... uhhuuuuuuuaaaa—!!"

On top of the platform, Melissa screamed out in pain in a way I've never heard before, then collapsed.

She was quickly brought down from the platform by other believers.

And in her stead, one man who wore clothes that looked even grander appeared on the platform.

"Everyone, silence! As you have seen, Melissa-sama have taken everyone's pain"

It was really like that.

A miracle that is made by a selfless saint.

Melissa took in all of the disease and injuries from the all the people that gathered here.

I could hear myself clearly grit my teeth.



"Wait! This is the Saintess's—"

"Move"

I only said that and shoved off the man who wanted to stop me.

The instant I entered the room, I doubted my eyes.

"It was Melissa there"—I was not able to have the confidence to say that.

Described briefly, it was a chunk of meat.

Limbs broken and swelling flesh. Puncturing wound, sword wound, burn wound—

All kinds of wounds appeared turning her into a mess.

"Aa... uu..."

[What a Saintess]

"...yeah"

Seeing her alive even in this state proves that she's Melissa.

"Hey! This is Melissa-sama's—"

I slapped away the man who was shouting at me.

[What are you going to do?]

"I'll use this"

I opened my Different Dimension Warehouse and used the magic ball (white) from the lottery on Melissa.

Described briefly, it's recovery magic. It's an item from the lottery that had healed any wounds I used it to up until now.

Its white—healing light enveloped Melissa, but.

[Doesn't work, huh]

"No, it does"

[Hm? It's true, she looks like she's healed with a slight difference]

"If one's not enough, then I'll use everything that she needs"

I opened my Different Dimension Warehouse and took out all of my stock.

I used all of them on Melissa.

The people from the Solon Church that crowded inside and wanted to stop me turned silent. It's because they found out I'm healing Melissa.

An item from the lottery, the magic ball (white). Twenty of them in total.

I used all of them on Melissa—but it was barely working.

She's clearly healing bit by bit. However, she was still a "chunk of meat" right now.

If this continues, she might need a hundred—no, even hundreds of it.

[You can only go and draw the lottery. How many tickets do you have? No, go to Delfina right away and spend your money]

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[Hey, are you listening?]

Eleanor's scolding voice echoed inside my head. That made my thoughts accelerate, making me even more composed.

"...lend Melissa my natural recovery ability"

{Natural Recovery will be lent to Melissa. Time Remaining: 59 Minutes 59 Seconds}

One of the skills I got from the lottery. The ability that enables me to lend my 777x multiplier.

Just the healing speed of the magic ball couldn't heal her, so I recalled.

Melissa has her own recovery ability.

The Immortal Saintess Melissa. She possesses two abilities.

A tough body that could be described as undying and an abnormal recovery speed that supports it.

That recovery speed was amplified 777x.

Effects showed immediately. The "chunk of meat"—Melissa healed at a surprising speed. Her body recovery looked as if it was a video played in fast forward.

"Ohh..."

"Melissa-sama who would usually heal in three days..."

"She was instantly healed"

"Unbelievable, what did he do ...?"

The folks from Solon Church exclaimed... it usually takes three days, huh.

[Don't make that scary face]

"It looks like I need to have a "talk" with them"

[I guess so. If it isn't the Saintess's will...]

"I'll stop them"

[If it's just her hobby, then...]

"I won't stop her"

[Kukuku, that is very, very you]

Eleanor laughed cheerfully.

Chapter 257

What she wants to do, what she doesn't want to do

"Uu... nn... huh, where am I?"

Melissa opened her eyes. She looked around sleepily not knowing the situation.

It's already in the evening and the room is filled with light created by magic and moonlight.

I chased away those people from the Solon Church, so only me and Melissa are in the room.

"K-Kakeru? Ah...!"

She recognized my face and then remembered what happened.

Melissa sat up and asked me silently while slightly looking down.

"Kakeru... you stayed here the whole time?"

"Yeah"

"For days?"

She asked slightly happily.

"Nope, just for a while. It has only been less than half a day since then"

"Eh? But, I received sickness from that many people... since it isn't half a day yet..."

"I lent you my recovery ability"

"Ah...!"

I lent her many times up until now, so Melissa immediately understood from her experience.

I asked Melissa before to sneak within my troops after lending her my stamina and

recovery to protect my women and the slave soldiers.

With that experience, she immediately understood what I did.

"I see... thank you, Kakeru"

"It's nothing much. Rather than that, are you always doing it like that?"

"Un, I've been doing it since recently"

"Recently?"

I furrowed my brows a bit and asked back.

"It's Solon-sama's blessings. Recently, I'm now able to shoulder other people's injuries even it's already "for a long time""

"I've been thinking of asking that. Before, you can only do it in the present moment right?"

"Un. I realized I was able to shoulder other people's pain even after some time has passed, so I thought that it might be that case, so I tried"

"I see. Was that something you came up with first?"

"...? That's right, why do you ask?"

Melissa tilted her head and asked back.

She is doing it in her own will. That was enough.

"Nope, just wanted to ask"

"I see... I really failed this time"

Melissa's face blushed with red and buried her face between her knees.

"Why so?"

"I didn't think that Kakeru would stay here the whole time. "That", I didn't want to let Kakeru see it"

"By "that", you're talking about that appearance after you shouldered other people's injuries and ailments?"

Melissa buried her face even more and nodded.

"I didn't see it myself, but I've heard from others. I can imagine. "That" appearance, it's so ugly, right? I didn't want to Kakeru see..."

"Ugly? Not at all"

"Eh?"

"It was beautiful"

"Thank you, Kakeru. But it's fine even if you don't comfort me. That appearance, even I... think it's hideous"

"I'll tell you one thing. About my standards of beauty"

"Eh? Un... what is it?"

"It's when my woman, is doing the thing that she wants to do"

"Ah...!"

"That was what you wanted to do right?"

"...un, that's, true"

"If so, then it's beautiful without a doubt"

"...thank you"

Melissa's face turned even more red, burying her face.

[Kukuku, in front of you, even a Saintess is a mere maiden]

Eleanor said in a playful tone.

I heard from Melissa herself that she did that act with her own will.

Since that's the case, there's no need for me to stop her. I should let her do what she wants.

Suddenly, the door was knocked.

Melissa flinched and looked towards the direction of the door.

"Melissa-sama? Did you wake up?"

"W-What?"

"Ohh, you have awakened. Arsenius-sama has come. We hope that Melissa-sama would meet with him quickly"

"I got it. I'll go now"

Melissa quickly regained her composure and got off the bed.

She was a shy maiden a moment ago, but her face instantly turned to that of a dignified saintess.

"An acquaintance?"

"It's the bishop"

"A colleague then"

Since that's the case, I shouldn't bother them.

I opened my Different Dimension Warehouse and took out my Warp Feather. Melissa woke up too, so I should leave for today.

I thought like that and tried to warp, but.

"K-Kakeru"

"n? What's the matter?"

"We'll finish our talk quickly so, can you wait for me?"

Her expression looked as if she was pleading yet it was filled with expectations.

Knowing how red her face a moment ago, I could tell what she wants just from looking at her face.

"I got it. I'll wait for you"

"Thank you! I'll call you after we finished talking okay?"

"There's no need for that"

I released my aura and enveloped myself.

The camouflage aura that uses Eleanor's powers. It's a technique that hides me from

other people.

"K-Kakeru? Where did you go?"

"I'm just right here. I'll stay by your side so I'll know when you'll finish talking"

"—thank you!"

Melissa showed a happy face again.

After that, her face turned serious, making her look like the "Saintess".

She opened the door leading to the corridor. A man was there.

That man who knocked led Melissa.

Camouflaged, I followed Melissa who followed the man.

In the drawing room, Melissa faced a man who was wearing clerical clothes that were grander than what Melissa wears.

The man looked like he's in his forties, has decent height, and looked very plump.

Judging from how he looks... he's probably 170cm but over 120kg.

This kind of man is... probably.

[A man that fattened himself through authority. That is the most likely case]

It looks like Eleanor thought so as well.

"It's been a while, Arsenius. Why did you come here?"

"Congratulations, Melissa-sama"

"What are you saying suddenly?"

"The miracle that Melissa-sama showed, the effect of the blessings was superb. The people of Nuktar are racing against each other to be part of our Solon Church's religion"

"That is good news"

"This is all thanks to the miracle Melissa-sama created. You should hear it if you listen carefully, the voices of the people of Nuktar praising Melissa-sama"

Arsenius flattered Melissa.

"Did you come just to say that?"

"Melissa-sama is quick to the point as usual... about the Pope, you must know about it"

Arsenius's expression changed drastically.

He looked like a frivolous person who was flattering Melissa before, but his face quickly turned to that of a conspirator.

Melissa also changed her expression, she furrowed her brows.

"Is the condition not really good?"

"That is not a proper way to describe it, Melissa-sama. The Pope is soon to ascend to our God's place"

"...right"

Melissa nodded with a bitter face.

"It is a very delightful event. However, there is a problem. That's right, the problem about who is going to be the next Pope"

"What do you mean?"

"I will go straight to the point. Please become the next pope"

He∼.

[Hou]

My reaction was completely the same with Eleanor.

We thought that things started to get interesting.

However.

"I refuse"

Melissa refused instantly. "Can I ask why?" "Because God has not said so" "I see" Arsenius nodded and quickly made a meaningful face. "What then if God commands so?" "...what do you mean?" Melissa furrowed her brows. "It is nothing much" Although Arsenius said that, he's definitely lying. There's no way that it's nothing much. Since he asked in that way, if Melissa agreed to him and nodded, then the "words of God" will be like so. It's probably politics. [That is the most likely case] Eleanor agreed. Melissa stared—no, glared at Arsenius for a while. The first one to withdraw was Arsenius. "This seems to be too early after all" After realizing Melissa doesn't look like she'll agree, Arsenius withdrew quickly.

Then after saying out some honeyed words, he left the room.
"Fuu~"
Melissa let out a sight.
[It looks like she really doesn't want to do it]
Seems like it.
The pope, in other words, the highest position in the Solon Church.
It looks like Melissa doesn't plan to be one.
It's the opposite to that time with Fiona and Marie.
If Melissa doesn't want to do it then

I will stop it at all cost.

Chapter 258 Althea's Words

I parted with Melissa for once.

Being the Saintess of the Solon Church, it's not like all she does are dangerous things. She would spread those teachings of the Solon Church, do charities for unfortunate people.

When it comes to that, she doesn't need my help, so we parted for once, with me warping back to my mansion.

I warped to the garden in my mansion. There are bees flying around the well-maintained flower beds and I could hear the shouts of the slave soldiers in training. It's my mansion as it is was usually.

Hikari was there.

She's making a flower crown with her friend Chibi Dragon beside the flower bed.

Hikari who sat like how a little girl would and Chibi Dragon who sat like a human. The two of them looked so lovely with the flower bed as their background.

[Your expression is turning so soft]

"Those who doesn't after seeing how cute they are doesn't have a heart"

[This doting parent]

"You should say that yourself. Your tone is too caring"

[I-It is fine if it's me!]

I don't really get why it's only fine just for her, but whatever.

"Ah! Otou-san and Okaa-san. Welcome back~!"

Hikari stood up and trotted towards me.

She spread her arms wide and looked absolutely cute.

The next instant, her cuteness was overwritten by a killing intent.

Chibi Dragon who was beside Hikari abruptly became bigger and turned into a giant dragon.

The Dragon King Olivia's dragon form.

Although she is smaller than the Red Dragon, the pressure releases exceed it by far.

That Olivia suddenly attacked.

"0-chan?!"

"Hmph!"

She opened wide her jaws with her large and sharp fangs look like a cauldron of hell, then bit towards me.

I unsheathed Eleanor to defend. *Kiiiii—n!!* a shrilling sound echoed and sparks flew.

I braced myself and increased my strength to push her away. Olivia bit Eleanor and twisted, trying to make me release the sword.

"Naive"

I used my full strength to pull in the opposite direction.

Olivia spun while biting the sword and fell to the ground.

Boom! The ground shook as if an earthquake occurred.

I forcefully pulled back Eleanor.

However, Olivia immediately stood up and charged flames within her jaws.

At this point, the heat was already drying the surroundings. If she releases that breath, ordinary people would surely be killed.

"Oro?"

Olivia looked dumbfounded.

It's because she could not find me when she stood up.

"I'm here"

I stood on Olivia's back and lightly tapped her scale with Eleanor's tip.

I believed that Olivia won't be hurt by just that, so I predicted her movements after standing up and climbed on her back as soon as she acted.

The back is the blind spot or even the vulnerable parts of most quadrupedal.

"I surrender"

Olivia surrendered casually after seeing that.

I jumped off her back and she turned to her human form.

"Human is really as amazing as usual. That was true in the past, but I don't think I can match you at all anymore"

"I could say the same with you"

I looked at Olivia then looked at Hikari who was surprised by the sudden event.

"The time you can return to your original appearance lengthened huh"

"Un! It's all thanks to Hikari-chan. The time I can spend in this form grew so quickly! Hikari-chan is amazing"

"Of course she is"

[Of course she is]

Mu! I synchronized with her.

"Ororo~, what's the matter, Human?"

Olivia probably felt strange because of my uncertain action since she can't hear

Eleanor.

"No, it's nothing. Come here, Hikari"

I brushed off her question and invited Hikari who still didn't know what's going on. Hikari regained herself and trotted cutely towards me.

"That's so surprising. Are you okay, Otou-san?"

"Yeah, I'm fine. It's just comparable to a huge dog suddenly tackling its owner after he got home"

"Really?"

"Yeah"

Although I've never kept a huge dog, it's probably the same thing.

"But O-chan, you shouldn't do that so suddenly~. The garden's messed up so Miuoneechan's work increased"

"Yes~, I'm sorry~"

Olivia apologized without sincerity.

After that, she returned to being a Chibi Dragon, but.

Before she returned, she smiled at me mischievously.

[It looks like she noticed. That you would make her fall to a place where there's nothing]

"It's nothing much for Miu even if there are more things to clean, but the flowers..."

[I thought that the Dragon King's pride would be hurt by that handicap, but... that doesn't seem to be the case. She seems happy about it instead?]

"Who knows"

Olivia is someone whose hard to tell in a different way.

Although she always look casual and without worries, but those clever types of people would always have a different face they would hide.

I'm guessing that Olivia also have one.

"Myuu~, myuu~"

"Un! Hikari will do her best~!"

"What's Olivia saying?"

"She told me she wants to last for a night as soon as possible~"

"Last for a night... ah!"

[Kukuku, the great Dragon King might not have such hidden face after all]

Eleanor said playfully.

Just like what she said, I started to think that Olivia's frank and worry-free personality might be her true one.



I watched Hikari play with Chibi Dragon while relaxing in the living room.

There is a huge window in the living room where you can see the garden.

Beside me was Althea as I relax.

The Great Sage Althea, the woman who is said to possess all kinds of wisdom in this world.

"I am Althea, just Althea"

"What "just Althea". That's not convincing at all when you're already reading my mind"

"It's fine since it's yours"

"Because it's mine?"

"When it comes to a woman reading the mind of the man they've slept with, then ordinary women can do it as well"

"I see. That might be true"

Althea cuddled with me.

Although we're both wearing our clothes, I can still feel her warmth, smell her scent, and feel her soft body.

I used one hand to gently touch her hear and used another to send her my vigor.

After receiving life force, Althea regains her youth. I found out after going to the past that it's because of the power she received from Eleanor.

After understanding most of Eleanor's powers, I sent Althea vigor that would make her younger and more beautiful.

About that... well.

[Althea must have noticed it. But she acts as if she had not. This woman wishes to continue being a "good woman" after all]

I agree with Eleanor.

Althea told me many times, she told me that she wants to be "just Althea" when she's in my arms.

I feel very happy about that, however.

"I want your advice"

There are also times when I need the Great Sage Althea.

"Tell me"

Althea spoke in her instructor tone.

I found out about this recently, but it looks like she is doing purposely so she could make a clear distinction in between.

"There's a guy who wants to make Melissa the pope. Probably for politics. Melissa herself doesn't plan to do so"

"And, she is "your" woman"

I nodded.

That's right. Melissa is my woman.

There is only one thing I would do to my woman.

I would make them do what they wish to do.

That's all.

Althea—the Great Sage Althea immediately understood my intention.

"It's simple"

"How simple?"

"Do it like this. You only need to search for someone more suitable to become the pope than Melissa"

"...hm?"

"I shall guess the source of your confusion. You must be worried that by helping Melissa not become the pope, it might lower her prestige and become an obstruction for the things she wants to do"

"Exactly"

I am good at giving a helping hand. However, helping my woman NOT become something might make her less of a "good woman".

That's why I'm worrying and hesitating.

"Then you shall go and lend your hand to another person. It is as simple as making that person the pope. Is it not?"

"...you're right"

Listening to those words, it's exactly just like that.

Melissa not wanting to become the pope does not mean that I should hinder her path.

If I can find someone else... then I can just help that person to become the pope.

And even more.

"In a way that no one could possibly show complaints"

"You did well. You can definitely do it. After all, that person's victory is decided at the moment you turned into an ally. Mercouri, Calamba, Comotoria, Siracuza, Aegina"

Althea counted them out as if she was singing. Those were the names of the women I've helped so far.

"And also—"

The air around Althea changed.

From a Great Sage, to just a woman.

She made a loving expression and leaned to me.

"—and me as well"

The reason why we could meet again like this after hundreds of years is because I lent her a hand.

That's why she showed such a strong trust, that's why her words echoed filled with praise and emotions.

"Me, as well"

Hearing her who returned to being "just Althea", I pulled her into an embrace and gently combed her hair.

I've decided what to do after receiving Althea's advice.

I will make someone else become the pope, so that Melissa can do what she wishes to.

Chapter 259 The Happiness for being Unneeded

On the seat placed on top of a platform, I held Althea in my arms and gently combed her hair.

Below I can see Nana and the slave soldiers train with Hikari and her drake soldiers.

While supervising them, Althea let me enjoy her beauty.

Being admired like that, Althea looked pleased with the situation that seemed as if she was my queen.

And while gently touching her hair, I was thinking.

I was thinking on how to make someone other than Melissa the pope of Solon Church.

[Before that, are you sure you do not need to confirm it first?]

"What do you mean"

[Solon]

"?"

Eleanor only said that single word.

From her tone, I can tell she's asking me as if to remind me something, but the only word she said was "Solon".

"I have no clue about what you're talking about"

[Well, that might be how you really are]

Eleanor said while rolling her eyes.

[Solon-sama]

"...ah"

It changed just a bit, but the meaning completely changed.

And I finally remembered.

It is about the incident in Aegina.

Leaving aside Selene's brother Kimon partnering with demons, that demon acting itself wasn't their whole organization's consensus. It was only an underling who lent its powers to Kimon.

And after I caught a member of that organization who came to "take care" of that underling and Kimon, I used the powers of the Demon Sword to invade his mind and the name I got from him was "Solon".

Calamba, Comotoria, Siracuza, and Aegina. The name of the boss of the demons that was involved in all those incidents is Solon.

[It would seem that you have forgotten it all this time]

"...ah"

[Well, I guessed it a long time ago. It might have been better if I lied at that time and told you that it's a woman's name]

That's right. After that incident, I searched a lot of information about that Solon.

And I found out—what was it again?

There's this legend or myth and I found out that the God that created that miracle was a male god.

Other than that, I was probably told more about it, but...

[Kuku, all that you remember is that he's a male god right?]

Eleanor teased me.

She's really going on aggressive teasing me while she can since earlier.

It's true that I've completely forgotten about it, and I can't even remember the details right now, so I can't say anything back.

[How interesting. Your memory should've been improved 777x]

"I don't have a brain that needs to remember men"

[Zero multiplied by many times is still zero, huh]

After hearing all of that from Eleanor, I started thinking about it.

There's another problem now.

It's whether that "Solon-sama" is really related to the Solon Church.

[Those guys do not intend to be in a conflict with you. Because you are stronger when it comes to strength and your constitution as well]

"Constitution? What do you mean"

[It's about women—in your case, you have a constitution that would make you solve everything when "good women" are involved. Just like a hero in a story]

"I don't have something like that"

I don't remember winning that on the lottery.

[I am just saying that it looks like that from the side. And also—]

"Also?"

[You are planning on doing that right?]

"Of course"

[If so, "that" will appear depending on your actions. And those guys would be able to tell it and would try to avoid you. That's right, until you reach the end of your lifespan. For demons, it is a piece of cake waiting for a single human's lifespan to end. It is similar to humans avoiding bad weather when going to hunt. They won't die for resting for a while]

"They're treating me like a natural calamity huh"

[That is why they would not try to be in a conflict with you. However, no one knows what would happen if you push them too far. They might not be able to endure it if they're become enraged. If you go too far, they might start an all-out war—let me ask you again]

Eleanor's tone changed.

It turned solemn.

[Are you sure you do not need to confirm it first?]

She returned to her first question.

I answered instantly.

I didn't think that much about it, but it would be the same even if I did.

"That's a silly question"

[A silly question, huh]

"Yeah. A good woman, Melissa, is involved this time as well. If so, then there won't be any problem"

[I guess so]

I decided the plan once again after talking with Eleanor.

I remembered about Solon, but that didn't change my mind.

While I was deciding that while watching the slave soldiers and the drake soldiers train, Althea did not ask anything.

I did not ask her for her advice and decided it with just Eleanor.

I only treated Althea as a simple woman and fondled her in that suitable way.

I only proceeded to decide and as I finished.

Althea released an aura that felt as blissful as she could get.

Chapter 260

Super Damage and Super Regeneration

I went out for a walk in the town of Roizen after a long time.

It's a town that isn't really unique, but it is very lively recently.

The goods handled by stores and the number of passers-by that looked like travelers are increasing.

"Business is really easy in Mercouri"

"You're completely right about that. Money is light and on top of that, there's no need to worry about receiving fake ones. Maybe I should consider transferring all my business to Mercouri"

I heard a conversation of merchants that passed by.

I see. It's getting crowded around here because of the new currency issued by Mercouri huh.

I heard some about it from Iris, but it's the first time I'm seeing it personally.

[From my experience]

"Un?"

[People come out of their houses when business is good. Leaving aside nobles and royals, commoners must come out to use money]

"I see. Looking at them carefully, their expressions are bright"

[It was the first thing you have done in this world, right?]

"It's before I met you"

I feel like I've been with her for a long time (it's more than true in some sense), but I did many things without Eleanor when I just came to this world.

The incident about counterfeit coins and hunting mountain cows is a part of that.

[Hmm, the you that I do not know, huh]

"Un?"

[I just thought how pathetic you have been]

Eleanor cheerfully said in a teasing tone.

Having no physical body, this girl really likes playing with her words.

"I wonder who is it who got her ass kicked by that pathetic man?"

[In common sense, tools need skilled users. It cannot be helped since the tool was rusted even if the opponent is weak]

"There's someone who made that tool rust? How useless"

[It is also someone who made it pregnant]

"That's amazing. The daughter must be super cute"

[As if a cat gave birth to a tiger]

I walked around the town while exchanging casual talk with Eleanor.

While I did that, I felt someone looking at me the whole time.

The townspeople were looking at me the whole time.

I'm a famous noble living in the ex-haunted house on the outskirts of town, so it looks like I've gathered attention because of that.

[It looks like you really need a disguise]

"I guess so"

I activated Eleanor's aura while walking.

I slowly released it so it would not be flashy, slowly covering my body.

Gradually, my appearance changed.

Adding to the fact that I was moving, no one noticed it.

Instead, the gazes gradually decreased.

After I changed to a young man no one knows from a noble with an official title,

nobody gave me another look.

Soon after I completely changed, I stopped in front of a certain building.

The church.

The church of Solon that most of the town would have at least one.

I can hear voices from people praying inside.

I pushed the door open and entered inside.

"Huh?"

Within those many believers praying, a young woman who was watching them looked at my direction.

That young woman that wore clerical clothes approached and called out to me.

"You're here for the first time, right? Do you wish to be converted?"

"You can tell I'm here for the first time?"

I glanced at the other believers.

I tried to search if they have a common trait, but I didn't find any of that sort.

"I remember everyone who has come to visit here"

"He~"

I was impressed by her who said it as if it was natural. I guess she has a good memory.

"My name is Meryl Onassis"

"It's Shou"

"Shou-san, then. Do you wish to be converted?"

"Yeah. I was saved by Melissa-sama before"

"Oh, that was the case!"

Meryl's expression turned soft.

I made up a reason that sounds very plausible and natural. I used that as a reason because I've been with Melissa many times when she was saving people, so I can make up as many reasons I can make.

"You are the same with me then!"

It looks like I didn't need to make up more reasons. Meryl instantly believed me and even felt a sense of comradeship.

"Do you know the town of Rintos?"

"I think I've heard about it."

"Ahaha, it's just a small town after all. I was living in that town, but one day, there was an incident caused by tree spirits. But when everyone was at a loss on what to do, Melissa-sama came and subjugated it"

"He~"

[That's your encounter with the Saintess]

Un? Encounter with the Saintess... ahh, it's that time huh.

I don't remember the names, but I remember the time I've met Melissa clearly. It's the same with what we did then.

I see, she was from that town huh.

"After that, I entered the Solon Church and arrived at this town"

"Why did you come to this town?"

"It's because I heard that Melissa-sama comes here a lot. I thought I could meet her if I come here"

Meryl said and blushed.

I see. This is the patter where rather than Solon Church itself, she is a devotee of Melissa as an individual.

Melissa frequently visits my place. Unlike my other women, it looks like she would also visit the church here after coming to my mansion.

Meryl came here because of that huh.

"Ah! I'm sorry, I was talking about myself the whole time"

"No, I don't mind"

"Anyways, you would like to convert right?"

"Yeah. Is there a condition? Like donating"

"Ahaha, there's no need for such thing. Although we will be really grateful for receiving some, it is good enough if you come to the church and pray during your free time. Your faith would turn to Solon-sama's powers itself"

"I see"

This time, she didn't have that much emotion when she said that. It wasn't even a tenth of what she showed when she was talking about Melissa.

Coming this far, it's even refreshing instead.

"Ah! Right. You must receive a test when you convert"

"Test? Do I need to defeat some monster?"

[Are you a muscle-brain]

I could feel Eleanor rolling her eyes.

"No, no. Not at all. It is very easy. There will be a ceremony... well, it is only a simple one though"

"Please follow me" Meryl said and led me deeper into the church.

In a decently wide room, there's a pot as big as a bucket.

"This is?"

"It's called the Pot of Life. It is said that once upon a time, when Solon-sama was in trouble, he received a bean a day from the pot and overcame the crisis with that"

"That episode sounds like it's summarized a lot"

"Eh? Uhm... uhh... do you wish to, hear more about it?"

When I pointed that out, Meryl embarrassingly looked down.

From how she seems, I can easily tell that she doesn't know much about it.

[If it was about that Saintess, she should be able to answer how many hair she has grown from her birth if you'd ask her]

Eleanor laughed cheerfully.

That is also too much of an exaggeration, but I get what she means.

"No, it's fine. Rather than that, what are we going to do next?"

"Ah! Yes. Please place your hand right here"

"And then?"

"That's all. It has powers that can purify evil, so those evil people would get purified when they try to touch it. Ahaha, just to let you know, nothing will really happen"

Meryl laughed mischievously.

That's probably true.

I faced the pot.

I only need to put my hand inside, that's all.

But, I stopped.

[You finally noticed huh]

Of course.

I couldn't laugh as much as Meryl could.

The pot of life, when I was about to touch it, I felt a bad feeling about it.

No, rather than a "bad" feeling, it's better to describe it as "dangerous" feeling. Also, the presence I felt. It was in the same nature as that of Opis, the white snake.

The Opis, the natural enemy of Demon Swords.

For ordinary people, it's just a huge snake, but when I cut it using Eleanor or Hikari, they would multiply while retaining their strength.

I could feel a similar presence with that Opis.

I secretly released an aura hidden from Meryl and stretched it out until it enters the pot.

It was eaten.

It disappeared without leaving any trace... and it was eaten.

What would happen if I put my hand inside...

[Even your bones won't probably remain]

I guessed that far.

The compatibility is the worst. Putting my hand inside this pot is far more dangerous than receiving Nana's full strength attack without defending.

"...what's the matter?"

Meryl looked at me while tilting her head. She's probably wondering why I stopped in front of the pot.

[What are you going to do? You want to leave now and come again later?]

I guess so. If it's a power with the same attribute as Opis, then it's better to think of a countermeasure before coming again.

I thought of some words of excuses, but at that time.

"Hey, Meryl! Are you here!"

One man entered the church looking to be in a rush.

"What's the matter?"

"It's Melissa-sama! Melissa-sama has come!"

"Ehhhhhh?!"

"You wanted to meet Melissa-sama right? If we go now, we can see her closeup when we welcome her"

"Un! Ah...!"

Meryl was about to rush out but stopped after she remembered me.

She looked like she wants to see Melissa as soon as possible, but just can't leave me hanging here.

"I'll finish it quickly"

I told Meryl and reached out my hand into the pot.

[Are you insane]

Just watch.

Just before I put my hand inside the pot, I activated my skills.

Lend Melissa my natural recovery ability.

{Natural Recovery will be lent to Melissa. Time Remaining: 59 Minutes 59 Seconds}

Copy natural recovery ability from Melissa.

{Natural Recovery will be copied from Melissa}

I lent her the multiplier and copied her ability.

After I activated those two abilities that I got from the lottery, I put my hand inside the pot.

The next instant, I felt an excruciating pain.

It felt as if hundreds of thousands of ants bit me at the same time.

I looked inside the pot.

My hand was repeatedly being extinguished and regenerated at super high speed.

It repeated so quickly that if you didn't look closely, it would seem as if it was normal.

I endured the excruciating pain that would make me pass out if I didn't brace myself for a second then took out my hand out of the pot.

With Melissa's recovery speed multiplied by 777x, naturally, my hand looked as if nothing was ever done to it.

After seeing that, Meryl said.

"Welcome to the Solon Church"

But as soon as she spouted those welcoming words, she rushed out of the church to see Melissa.

Chapter 261 The Meaning of Existence

After I was left alone, I took my hand out of the pot.

Although it's almost healed with Melissa's 777x recovery speed, the light continued to cling to my hand.

That light was trying to erode my hand, then my hand would heal with Melissa's recovery speed—then repeats.

[Are you alright?]

"No problem. It's gradually disappearing"

[I see. Even so, you really didn't show it in your expression. It was painful right?]

"I wouldn't have done it if it would"

[Umu. If you showed it on your expression, it would be ridiculous]

I stared at my hand for a while.

Because I took my hand out of the pot, the light gradually disappeared.

[It's the same with that white snake]

"Yeah, it's the same type of power"

[What do you think?]

"That's my line"

[Umu?]

"The world's largest religion and the infamous demon sword. Is there a possibility that something happened in the past, so there was a ceremony to wipe you and those involved with you out?"

[The Solon Church, or just Solon. I don't have memories of being involved with someone with that name]

"Even now?"

[Even now... Tanya]

Eleanor summoned the ghost maid.

[Kakeru-sama!]

Soon after she was summoned, Tanya clung to me.

Since we returned to the past, she started to show this way of expressing her love even more.

Although I didn't hear much about it after we returned, it looks like she was supported by Eleanor quite a lot before she died and turned into a bounded ghost in my mansion.

After I kissed Tanya for a moment, Eleanor asked.

[Do you remember anything?]

[About the Solon Church? Nope. I don't remember anything about getting involved with religion]

[You heard her]

"I should ask Althea too, and Olivia"

[You should do that]

Eleanor nodded and after I kissed with Tanya once more, I stroked her head and returned her back to the sword.

My hand was eaten once, so I checked my camouflage aura to see whether there's anything wrong with it.

And while I was doing that, Melissa entered.

The Saintess Melissa entered surrounded by common believers.

After she had a conversation with those believers, she reached out her hand towards one.

Her hand released a light and the believer stood up with a face as if he had seen something unbelievable.

"My stomach! My stomach that has always been painful!"

It looks like she did that "miracle".

Melissa who shoulders tribulations—more specifically, pain from others.

Her title as a Saintess was not for show. The believers that surrounded her showed even more adoration, they kneeled towards Melissa and started praying.

[She's probably like this wherever she goes]

"Based on her personality, that's probably true"

[It can't be helped that there are powers who would wish that she would become the pope. Ordinary believers would like her to be one as well]

"Yeah"

I nodded and glanced to the side. I felt that Eleanor's consciousness is pointing in the same direction.

There are two men on the corner of the church.

While most of the believers gathered around Melissa, only those two took distance, and even looked at her with clear hostility.

"She's winning their hearts again"

"Just let her do it for now"

The two of them talked silently.

Although they talked within the noisy church after Melissa appeared, I can clearly hear them with my 777x hearing.

"However, with that, the believers would start to shift all their faith just in her. If that happens, then even if it's Sulenin-sama, the pope's seat would be..."

"Let's just get rid of her while we can"

"But how? You might not know this, but that woman is a true undying. I've seen it with my eyes—"

"Trokros"

One of them silently said.

It's some sort of pronoun, but that was enough to make the other one shut up.

[I'm sure you don't remember it. The Undying Warrior Trokros. One of my toys before]

Eleanor explained first.

I haven't said anything though... well, it's true that I don't remember.

The men's conversation continued.

"In the end, Trokros was chopped up into five parts and died after getting thrown away in the end of the world. I've seen his ability closely. Although he didn't die after his head was chopped off, it's not like his head grows or something"

"I see! If we get rid of her like Trokros... then..."

"Yeah"

"But, however. That woman has connections with the Demon Sword Wielder. That's why she comes to this town a lot"

They know me huh.

"Did you know? How that Demon Sword Wielder love women"

"Heh~? It's a piece of cake then"

The men continued to discuss their "plan", and after throwing Melissa a gaze of contempt, they left the church.



The next day, I was relaxing in my mansion.

I'm not only relaxing, Olivia is beside me.

Olivia who turned to her human form from Chibi Dragon stuck to me and sat on the same sofa while crossing her arms.

"If it's like this, I can stay for quite a long time if I'm not doing anything" "If you're not doing anything?" "Un! Ah! Of course, I can walk and talk. Though it's impossible to fight a round with Human" "Fight a round with me?" "Fight a round with Human" While thinking that she meant it with several meanings, since she's now about to do that much, I thought how amazing Hikari is. [Of course. She's my daughter after all] "She's my daughter after all" "Human really likes Hikari huh" "Of course. She's the cutest in the world" "Then, you should be careful" "About what?" "I've seen many humans with their parents, but although there are many reasons like the era, the kingdom, or the area, looking closely, the male humans are hated by their daughters the instant they release a certain smell after reaching a certain age" [Kukuku, it's what they call old person smell] *""* [Mu! This guy, he froze] "Human? What's the matter, Human" I couldn't hear Eleanor's voice nor Olivia's voice. "That" was playing inside my head. [Otou-san you smell! Go away!]

"UU00000000000!!!!"

"Hyan!"

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I heard a small scream of surprise when I shouted.

When I looked at its direction, I saw Miu.

Miu who entered without me noticing looked like she was backing away.

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"*Cough*. W-What's the matter, Miu"
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"Ah! Yes. There's a visitor for Master"

"Visitor?"

"Yes, it's Saramas-sama"

"He~"

Saramas.

The owner of the Saramas Merchant Company in this town, and someone I've had lots of assistance when I just came to this world.

I've also bought Miu from Saramas's place.

Even after that, I would have some deals and ask him to gather things, but we have a subtle connection in the daily life.

Miu told me that Saramas came.

I stood up and left Olivia leaving the room.

Guided by Miu, I came to the drawing room.

I have two drawing rooms inside my mansion. Miu would take a look at the visitor's disposition and lead them to the drawing room as required.

The method of classification is simple. It's whether the visitor is my enemy or not.

And right now, I was led to the room for an enemy.

Saramas, Miu saw him as my enemy.

I grinned, raising the corner of my lips.

Under the moonlight, two men were inside a carriage that had stopped in the grasslands.

One of the men's hand released a light and words appeared in the air.

"How is it?"

"The Demon Sword Wielder, it looks like he liked the women we prepared. It looks like he's tired from the action and has fallen asleep"

"Saramas, that guy, he did well"

"How's our side doing?"

"I used a villager nearby to call that "Saintess". With simple words like "We're troubled by monsters but we don't have money", that woman was easily baited. She's on her way here"

"When she comes..."

"We've prepared five guys to chop her limbs and head, then they would disappear where no one could catch them"

"We'll just leave the torso?"

"It's even more hopeless when we leave it right? There's a way to use her when she's not around. Even if it's just the torso, as long as she's alive, then we can just call it a holy object, and—"

"She won't become the pope, huh. Perfect"

The two men inside the carriage laughed.

They had faces of contentment seeing their plan proceeding without problems. They looked triumphant, only waiting for the result called success.

After a while, a light is gradually approaching from a distance.

The light was from around ten torches.

It's Melissa who the main are waiting for, and the believers of Solon Church who are close to Melissa.

That group gradually approached.

The two men stared at them from their carriage, and after checking that it's Melissa without a doubt, they waved their hand to send a signal.

Under the moonlight, five shadows jumped on them from different directions.

Without making any sound, yet faster than the wind.

The five assassins launched a surprise attack on Melissa's group.

Zash! Zash! Zash! Five sounds of flesh being severed was released at the same time.

"Good!"

"We got them!"

The men said and instantly after they showed their faces out of the carriage.

Goton. Goton—they heard a sound of something falling to the ground.

"What's that sound?"

"More importantly, they're still moving forward, the number of torches hasn't fallen too"

"What?!"

The man was shocked. He looked at them again and tried to count the number of torches.

"No need to count"

"Wha-!"

"Y-You are—"

One man suddenly appeared in front of them.

A dark swordsman that is covered by darkness darker than the night.

Enveloped by an ominous aura, he holds the Demon Sword that is the symbol of fear.

The Demon Sword Wielder, Yuuki Kakeru.

His appearance meant the failure of all their plots.	

Chapter 262

The Strongest Otou-san Hikari Thought Of

I watched Saramas leave through the window of the drawing room.

"They came like this huh"

[Serving you nominally, but only to buy some time. It's a decent plan. Although it's disappointing, since it's too plain]

"You sound like you're having fun"

[Is that so? Anyway, what are you going to do? Would you follow him and debauch?] "No way"

I scoffed.

Saramas came and told me that he wants me to take a look because he gathered new slaves.

He wanted me to have a good "look" at them. Saying that the slaves evaluated by Yuuki Kakeru can be sold at a high price.

I knew that it was a plot, and Miu even classified him as my enemy, but Saramas showed a business-like attitude that showed the desire of "maybe I would buy them", so I was almost deceived halfway.

Probably, a suitable "service" is waiting.

"Otou-san. Finished talking?"

When I was thinking about what should I do, Hikari entered the room carrying Chibi Dragon.

" "

"What's the matter, Otou-san?"

Having me stare at her without saying anything, Hikari tilted her head.

"Hikari... you can change the appearance of those you summoned right?"

"I can, why?"

"Can you make them also look like others?"

"What do you mean?"

Hikari tilted her head. I crouched and whispered to her ear.

"I'll try"

Hikari put Chibi Dragon on the ground and "Mumumumu $\sim \sim$ ", she gathered her powers.

She made the world's cutest pose and Chibi Dragon's appearance changed.

A light was released and her silhouette grew, turning her to Olivia's human form.

But that was only for an instant.

Olivia's human form was only the relay point. The same light was released and her silhouette changed again.

This time, it was my appearance.

"Fuu~, O-chan's appearance turned to Otou-san"

[Umu, it did]

"Ororo~, Hikari can do this too huh"

I looked at Olivia.

She really turned to my appearance. From my hairstyle to the clothes I wear.

"Do I really... look like a villain like this?"

Unlike Olivia's friendly tone, it looked like a terrible villain.

My eyes were releasing a suspicious light with flames appearing as effects. My face showed a ferocious grin, with my canine tooth releasing a sharp glint.

It looked exactly like a villain you can hang on a museum with a title "The Villain".

[Kukuku, that means Hikari sees you like this]

"What?! Is that true, Hikari?"

"Un! It's Otou-san's coolest face~!"

"Right..."

I suddenly felt complicated.

"More importantly, why is Human making Hikari do this?"

"Y-Yeah... I want you to go Samaras's place in my stead"

I told Olivia and Hikari the scheme involving Melissa.

I don't know where Melissa would be lured out, so I can't use my Warp Feather to rush to where she is. That's why the only thing I can do is to follow her everywhere.

However, if I don't follow their plans, they won't take action.

"That's why I want you to go to Samaras's place in my stead... how long can that last?

"I told you earlier, right? I could stay like this for a long time as long as I don't do anything. Leave that to me and Hikari"

"Hikari will do her best!"

Olivia smiled without worries and Hikari did a cute guts pose.

I left Samaras's side to the two.



During the night at the grasslands, I hid myself using my camouflage aura, and stood in between Melissa's group and the two men.

It's so that I can hear both side's conversation and so I can deal with whatever happens on both sides.

The men received a message through magic and after making faces sure of their victory, they send a signal.

The next instant, five assassins silently appeared and charged towards Melissa from different directions.

I also took action.

I instantly killed all of those five assassins while enveloped by my camouflage aura.

I chopped their heads and kicked it towards those two men in the carriage.

Their faces that were assured of their success turned into shock after seeing the severed heads lying on the ground.

Melissa's group didn't notice at all. After seeing them leave at a distance, I removed my camouflage aura and appeared in front of the men.

"H-Hiii!"

"Demon Sword Wielder?!!"

As soon as they saw me, their suspicions were overwritten by fear.

"Those who plot against my women... you should guess what happened to them?" ""Hiii?!""

I involuntarily raised the corner of my lips. It naturally formed a smile although it's not interesting at all.

The men fell to their back and tried to withdraw frightened with fear. Of course, I won't let them get away.

[Kukuku, Hikari saw you correctly]

Eleanor seemed like she said something, but my head was full of how I would make them regret this.

Chapter 263 Fear and Unlimited Earnings

[What next?]

"For the meantime, I'll do it thoroughly"

[Use them as a warning huh. You want me to do it?]

"Let me see. I'll leave it to you"

[Umu. Leave it to me. I guess we should've brought Hikari as well]

Eleanor said looking seriously regretful.

While she would show great rivalry towards her daughter Hikari as a Demon Sword, she would teach Hikari many things on what a Demon Sword should be.

Although it seems contradictory at first glance, it looks like she has some logic behind it.

"D-Damn you"

"Un?"

"You think you defeated us with just this?! Hmph, we won't yield even in this situation!"

"T-That's right! We shall exterminate your existence in the name of God!"

The two men recovered from their surprise and showed their hostility while they said that confidently.

"What the heck..." soon after I thought of that, the men placed their hands together and started to pray.

Their bodies released a light. It's a light that really looked holy. There's no doubt that they're planning to do something though.

[Kukuku, look how complacent they are. They seem to be young nobles who don't know real battle]

Eleanor seemed like she's found it funny yet rolling her eyes.

It's exactly as she said.

These two clowns started chanting or praying in front of the enemy without guarding at all.

To test the waters, I kicked the ground and a small pebble jumped out in reaction.

That pebble grazed one of the men's cheeks, creating a wound.

The man opened his eyes in his prayer pose and looked shocked.

Is this for real? They really didn't do any countermeasures?

[What an interesting bunch. It makes me want to watch them finish]

I can understand what Eleanor said. Seeing how stupid they are, I want them to show me what they're planning to do.

That's why I let them. I waited for them to do what they're doing.

After waiting for about a minute.

After I've waited for them for enough time to kill them 777 times, a monster shining with a light appeared in front of the two.

The reason why I called it a monster is because its lower body is that of a snake, and the upper body is that of an armored woman holding a sword and a shield.

"This is what is sent to us by our Lord!"

"The Guardian Holy Beast Lamia!"

The two men who summoned that Lamia thing quickly acted as if they've won.

"Go, Lamia!"

"Kill that Demon Sword Wielder!"

As soon as the man ordered it, the Lamia charged towards me.

She swung her sword while charging in a snake-like unpredictable way. The blade of its sword was swung down reflecting the moonlight.

I blocked using Eleanor, sparks scattered.

Its power, speed, and proficiency in attacking.

Each of them was quite decent. About the same level with the current Selene.

I judged that while receiving its first attack.

[Dodge!]

"Mu!"

I kicked the ground and jumped back after hearing Eleanor's warning. A sharp slash grazed the tip of my nose.

I checked after I landed. It wasn't Lamia's sword, but there's nothing else.

[No, there is]

"What? Mu!"

Soon after Eleanor said that, "that" appeared.

As if the darkness beside the Lamia melted, that thing appeared just as if its camouflage was released.

It looks exactly like the Lamia.

They completely look the same. Another Lamia appeared like a reflection in the mirror.

"An invisible surprise attack huh"

[...that, seems to be not the case]

"What's happening, another Lamia appeared"

"This never happened before..."

The two men who summoned the Lamia looked confused. It seems like the situation

was unexpected for them as well.

[What are you going to do?]

"For starters, I'll try to slash them"

I charged raising Eleanor. I swung her down at speed exceeding the Lamia's reaction speed.

The Demon Sword flashed. One of the Lamias were defeated and disappeared after turning into mist.

"This is..."

I didn't bother to attack the other Lamia and jumped back. It's because the feeling when I cut the Lamia was familiar.

"Eleanor"

[There's no doubt. It's the same with that white snake]

I got Eleanor's agreement.

The feeling I got from cutting that Lamia was the same with the Opis, that white snake. Come to think of it, it released a light, and its lower half is that of a snake.

[However... they doesn't look like they're dividing] "...probably"

I raised Eleanor and casually approached. I enveloped myself in my dark cloak aura to provoke the enemy to attack.

The Lamia swung down its sword and I blocked using Eleanor.

Sparks scattered and another invisible slash came from the side.

I dodged it at paper's width and gave an observant stare.

Just like earlier, a Lamia appeared from invisibility.

[I see. This time, it doesn't multiply its numbers when you cut it, but it does when it cuts you]

"It's power and speed are the same. It's really the same with Opis... and"
[Umu]

I chopped the new Lamia that appeared with the returning blade and it appeared. The lottery ticket.

It appeared after I defeated the first Lamia, and it appeared again this time.

I continued. I guarded against the Lamia's attack making it multiply and defeat the new Lamia that appeared.

More lottery tickets appeared.

It looks like defeating them gives me one lottery ticket each.

[You're going to farm them?]

"It's the perfect time to do so"

[How about those guys?]

"Just about to take care of it"

[Umu?]

While I was farming lottery tickets from the Lamias, the men looked shocked.

The two of them haven't noticed yet. They haven't noticed that their feet were already tied up by my aura and Eleanor's aura.

It's the aura I released when I made my dark cloak aura. Starting now, I'll take my time to grant them fear, creating the foundation for their confession.

"Uuu... UUWAAAAAA!!"

"There's something! Don't! Nooooo! Don't enter me!!"

The punishment for plotting against my woman. I'll let them have a taste of it while I farm.

Chapter 264 Lottery

Two hands that stretched from my dark cloak grabbed the two men's head.

They looked young and looked full of energy for good and for bad, but their hair turned white within an instant, looking as if they'd aged a lot.

I did leave it to Eleanor, but this is more than what I expected.

It's probably a mental attack, but I became curious about what she did to make them like this.

"What did you do?"

[Everyone holds some kind of trauma]

"Yeah"

"Can you follow?", I made her continue after that pause.

[I only reproduced that trauma. I made them see in with all kinds of backgrounds and all kinds of eras repeatedly]

"...like, you repeatedly showed them how they soiled themselves for the length of their lives?"

[That, multiplied by hundreds of times]

"I see"

Of course, they probably have traumas that are worst than soiling themselves, but I can understand how their hair turned white instantly.

[Want to experience it?]

"I don't have any trauma though"

[Then I shall make you one. With Hikari saying "I hate Otou-san" in all kinds of—]

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"Stop"
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I flicked Eleanor's blade with my finger.

If she does that to me, it won't end well.

Eleanor laughed. I ignored her and took another look at the two men.

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"Are you finished?"
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[Umu]

"Yosh—you there"

I gave one of them a light knock in the head.

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"Aa..... uu..... s-stop... p-please..."
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I reached out an aura arm from my dark cloak and made him regain himself. The man flinched and regained sanity after trembling.

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"D-Demon Sword Wielder..."
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"Answer me. Why did you target Melissa?"

I eavesdropped on them so I know why, but I checked to be sure.

There's the possibility that what they said earlier is a lie, and after getting played with by Eleanor, there's no way they would lie now.

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"T-To make, Caroline-sama..."
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"Caroline? Is that a woman?"

"It's to... make Caroline-sama... the pope..."

[It seems like there is no lie with that goal itself]

"Seems like it. Hey, you there"

I asked the other one as well, but they didn't look like they have other schemes. They

simply wanted to get rid of Melissa to make that woman called Caroline the pope.

"She can't become the pope if Melissa doesn't disappear?"

"That is not... true... it is just... to make sure..."

"Getting rid of her... will make the chances... higher..."

The two men spoke with weak voices. Although it's the gist of it, I can tell how they're related to her.

[You should ally with that woman called Caroline]

"I guess so"

In a sense, my goal is the same with these men.

It's the same when it comes to not making Melissa the pope.

Caroline, I guess I'll lend her a hand.

"I understand now"

"F-Forgive, us—"

"We'll do, anything—"

"By the way, you're dead"

Zash!! Zash!!

I killed the two men with Eleanor.

I released my aura arm that held them and they fell to the ground.

[Ruthless]

"There's no way that I'll let these guys who tried to harm my woman live"

[I thought you'd say that]

"Let's go home. I've done what I can. The next thing to is to investigate the Solon Church's internal affairs and that woman called Caroline"

[You are leaving the Saintess alone?]

"Melissa should be alright. There aren't many people who can harm her"

[I don't know whether to describe you overprotective or not]

Eleanor said while rolling her eyes.

I took out my Warp Feather and warped to my mansion.

I warped to the living room and saw Hikari there.

"Ah! Welcome back, Otou-san"

"I'm back, Hikari. Where's Olivia?"

I looked around the living room. I didn't see either Olivia nor Chibi Dragon.

"O-chan is still over "there""

"I see"

Olivia who went to Saramas's place in my stead.

It's convenient if people would start to think that seduction is effective for me, so I can only let Olivia do her best.

While sending cheers to Olivia inwardly, I took out the bundle of lottery tickets from my pocket and asked Hikari.

"Want to go to the lottery place?"

"I want!"

Hikari happily raised her arms.

She looked so cute. I took my beloved daughter's hand and moved to the lottery place together.

There was someone else in the lottery place. It's that tentacle man.

He's quickly rotating the handle of the lottery machine nonstop. He doesn't even check

what he won.

While waiting for him to finish, I turned to Eleanor and Hikari.

Eleanor who could only turn to her human form in this place and Hikari who clung to that Eleanor.

"A-rere~? Okaa-san, you smell different today?"

"You noticed. Umu. I played with a human's mind just a moment ago"

Eleanor showed a grin and explained to Hikari what happened earlier.

The mother and daughter bonded while chatting about something horrifying.

"Can Hikari do it too?"

"You are my daughter. Of course you can. Hmm. I guess I should teach Hikari something"

"What is it~?"

"The beings called humans hate boredom. Even if you do not show them traumas repeatedly as I did, you can destroy their minds easily by repeatedly showing them "a life without change" for hundreds of years"

"I can destroy their minds~?"

"Umu. However, in that case, the possibility of their minds getting destroyed completely is high. It is not suitable if you want to just torture them to confession. You should choose which one to show depending on the circumstances"

When I was watching Eleanor and Hikari's "Demon Sword Lecture", the lottery place's staff came to my side and talked to me.

"I'll say this as many times, please stop bringing your weird family bonding here"
"Is it weird?"

"Absolutely. Are you fine with that? Hikari-chan might learn weird things"

"Is there any problem if Hikari becomes even more like a Demon Sword?"

"...I'm telling you that that is what's making it a weird family bonding"

The staff rolled her eyes on me.

I don't know what she's questioning, but Eleanor is teaching Hikari "how to act like a Demon Sword" from the bottom of her heart.

Eleanor wishes for that and Hikari who loves her Okaa-san Eleanor wishes for it as well.

Is there a problem with that?

And while I was wondering what's wrong with it.

"You're going to draw the lottery, right?"

"Yeah, but there's someone else—ah, he's gone"

"If it's that person, he had already left. He left while saying that he won enough of what he wanted"

"Of what he wanted?"

"Yes"

I moved in front of the lottery machine with the staff.

I looked at the prize list.

- Participation Prize Magic Ball (Black)
- Fourth Prize Magic Ball (White)
- Third Prize Ability Lending (Five Minutes, Consumable)
- Second Prize Additional Attack 1%
- First Prize Reset Abilities
- Jackpot ???

"I've seen all of them before... aren't they mixed?"

"Yes. It's Reissued Lottery. You can win some of the prizes from the limited lottery before"

"That seems to be the case. Within the prizes in the limited lottery... it's only the weakest one huh"

"Yes"

The staff nodded.

That consumable ability lending and the additional attack 1%, they're the weakest ones in the prizes list of the limited lottery before.

But even so, it's still good if I can win them. Getting more of the limited goods is fun as well.

Not to mention the additional attack, if I can win enough of the consumable ability lending, there would be a way to use it.

"What about the reset ability?"

"It will literally reset the special abilities. You can erase the ability you won before, and equip the one you won this time"

"Even if you say that, all of the prizes this time are too low right? Is there a meaning with erasing the strong one before, then equip the weaker ones?"

"Even if it's weak by itself, there are people who want to complete them at the same time. And if you can win the reset ability, you can also use it in others"

"Hmm~"

There's also that way of thinking huh.

"That guy earlier, how many did he win?"

"He said that all of the tentacles have different personalities, so he wanted to equip additional attack 1% in each of them"

"That sounds like I can understand it yet I can't"

I couldn't imagine what why would he do that, or what will happen if he does.

"And so, would you like to draw?"

"Yeah—Hikari"

"Un!"

Hikari trotted towards me. Eleanor followed behind Hikari slowly like a mother.

"Let's draw. Do your best"

"Hikari will do her best~!"

"And so, here's three hundred tickets"

I took out the lottery tickets I got from the three hundred Lamias I defeated earlier and gave it to the staff.

With the 10 consecutive lottery draws with one additional bonus, there's a total of 330 draws.

The staff counted the lottery tickets.

"Yes, it's exactly 300 tickets. Please come here and draw"

When I noticed it, there was already a step-ladder prepared in front of the lottery machine.

Hikari pulled Eleanor and stood together in the step-ladder and drew the lottery. *GaraGaraGara*

I don't have anything that I want in particular, so let Hikari draw as she wanted.

Even just with watching Hikari enjoy drawing the lottery was enough for a reward for me to come here.

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"Congratulations! You won the jackpot!"

"0h~?"

When I was watching Hikari in a daze, I heard the staff's congratulatory words and the handbell ringing.

I looked and saw a golden ball in the plate placed in front of the lottery machine.

"The jackpot... that "???" one huh"

"Yes!"

"You skipped first prize and won that huh, as expected of Hikari"

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"U~un. I didn't~"
"Eh?"
"What were you looking at. We've won the first prize before that"
Eleanor gave me a stare and the staff also nodded seriously.
It looks like Hikari won the first prize although I didn't notice it.
"The desire sensor..."
I didn't think we can win both with 330 draws. The one I want won't appear, the one I
don't want appears, it looks like the desire sensor worked in the other way.
"More importantly, what's the jackpot?"
"It's the skill called "Backward Compatibility""
""Backward Compatibility"? What's that"
"It's a skill that allows you to downgrade your skill. Let me see. In customer's case,
when you use it, you can freely change your multiplier between All Abilities 0x to
777x"
"Now that you reminded me, I also drew that 2x or 10x huh. I see"
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"Is there a use for that?"
"It depends on dear customer"
The staff only showed a smile.
Anyways, we won both the first prize and the jackpot, the reset ability and backward
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Anyways, we won both the first prize and the jackpot, the reset ability and backward compatibility.

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"Good job, Hikari. You're amazing"

"Ehehe~..."
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Hikari looked so happy while I stroked her head.

Although it was a first prize and jackpot I have no idea what to use for, it was worth coming to draw the lottery just seeing Hikari smile happily.

Chapter 265 God's Voice

The next day, I'm planning to go to the church once again.

It's because I need to ask about the woman called "Caroline" that the two men mentioned.

I killed those men for targeting Melissa, but if that woman called Caroline is able to become the pope, Melissa's case would be resolved if I help her.

Thinking of that, I plan on going to the church.

"Otou-san, you're going out today too?"

When I was preparing in my bedroom, Hikari opened the door and entered.

"Yeah, I've got some business in the town"

"Is that so..."

Hikari looked a little lonely.

"What's the matter?"

"I thought of playing today with Otou-san. But it can't be helped since Otou-san's going out"

"...hmm. You want to go too?"

"Is it okay?!"

Hikari's eyes shone.

"Of course. Depending on what happens, there might be battles"

"Hikari will do her best!"

Hikari said and was about to turn to her Demon Sword form, but.

"You don't need to change forms yet"

"Is that so?"

"Yeah. Let's go today while holding hands"

I said and reached out my hand. Hikari immediately took it with a happy smile.

While holding hands with my beloved daughter, I released an aura and enveloped myself along with Hikari.

The Demon Sword's camouflage using Eleanor's aura.

When I'm enveloped by this, I can let other people see what I want them to see.

I can freely change my appearance and I can also make myself invisible.

While turning myself to the "Shou" appearance I made yesterday, I made Hikari invisible.

"Let's go then"

"Un!"

I walked while holding hands with Hikari.

I left the bedroom and out to the corridor.

Along the way, I saw Miu lecturing Colaria. She's teaching her about how to polish the vase adoring in the corridor.

"Please take care—ehh?!"

Colaria was surprised seeing my appearance, but Miu beside her bowed her head naturally while saying "Please take care, Master".

I returned with a nod and after I passed by them, I could hear from behind.

"That was Kakeru-sama?"

"Un"

"But he didn't look like..."

"The MofuMofu is Master's"

I heard that conversation between them.

I Mofu-d Miu while I passed by, so she probably figured it out.

I left my mansion and walked to the town while holding hands with Hikari.

Hikari is with me, so I only went to the church after looking around the lively town for a while.

I pushed the door and entered.

I saw there many believers praying. I looked around.

"Kya!"

Hikari let out a small scream. She almost tripped.

And at the same time, one believer passed me on the side.

"Are you okay?"

"Un. I bumped just a little"

Hikari said while smiling.

"There's many people so you might get bumped again. Hikari, come closer"

"Un!"

I thought of letting Hikari turn to her Demon Sword appearance, but I could tell that Hikari wanted to continue holding our hands, so I said that.

It's a subtle weakness of the camouflage aura.

Although I can turn someone's appearance invisible, it's not like they would disappear. In crowdy places, the chances of bumping into other people are higher since they can't

be seen.

Someone who possesses equal or greater powers than Eleanor could see through it, but there's no such person in this church.

I looked around the church once again. And then, one woman found me and walked towards me.

"Shou-san, you came today too"

"Meryl huh"

It's the girl who let me (Shou) convert yesterday.

"You're just in time. We're offering our prayers to Solon-sama. If it's fine with you, please come as well"

"I'll come later"

[Hmph. You don't plan on going at all]

Eleanor said, but I ignored her and continued my conversation with Meryl.

"Rather than that, I want to ask about something. Do you know someone called Caroline?"

"Caroline...?"

Meryl placed a finger to her temples and tilted her head.

"I'm sorry, I don't know"

"You don't know?"

That was unexpected.

Those men told me they want her to be the pope, so I thought that she's a famous person within the Solon Church.

"You really don't know? She's probably someone with a high status"

"Let me see..."

She gave it another taught, but she made a sorry face again.

"I'm sorry, I really don't know"

I furrowed my brows. This is contrary to my expectations.

Was he listening to us? A middle-aged believer praying at a distance joined our conversation.

"Meryl, if you say, Caroline, shouldn't it be that one? Ainon's Caroline"

"Ah! The place Cuttles-san frequents"

"You know her?"

I asked while looking at Meryl who remembered and the man who made her remember alternately.

"It should be that girl who can hear God's voice"

[Probably that one]

Eleanor agreed.

Someone who can hear God's voice... judging from the situation, it should be her.



Ainon, it's a town near the border of the Calamba Kingdom, and its main industry is sericulture.

It's a lively town with a large population, and I visited that place together with Hikari. By the way, I didn't use the Demon Sword's camouflage. I'm in my original appearance and Hikari can also be seen by passers-by.

"Oh! You have a good one there, Customer"

"n?"

After I entered the town and walked aimlessly, a certain store's store owner called out to me.

It's a bald muscular uncle.

He said after looking at Eleanor that I'm carrying.

"From how it looks, it's the fourth generation demon sword replica right? The details are so well reproduced"

"Hmph. You got that right. I believe it won't look different at all even if you place it together with the real one"

I casually said matching it with what he said.

Demon Sword Replica.

Since I started to carry Eleanor around, it started to become a fad.

It first became trending among children, and after that, it upgraded to one with gimmicks that can release auras.

The Demon Sword Replica that is continuing to evolve in places that I'm not aware of. It seems like the fourth generation is being sold now.

"What about matching this with it, huh? It's a cloak hand knit by skilled tailors using Ainon's famous black silk thread. It's a fine piece arranged to react to the Demon Sword Replica's aura and start to flutter"

The storeowner said and showed me the folded cloth. It seems to be this store's merchandise and he also called out to me to sell that.

I took it in hand and spread it out.

"This is..."

[It's modeled from your dark cloak]

"Not only the Demon Sword Replicas, but this kind of things are also being sold?"

"It's the best selling stuff recently. How about it, you'd like to buy one?"

"I guess so. I'll have it"

"Thank you for your patronage"

The store owner showed a business smile and wrapped the cloth.

I paid with Calamba silver coins while receiving the item and asked.

"By the way, do you know someone called Caroline?"

"Caroline? Ahh. that liar"

"Liar?"

"You're talking about that woman, right? That one who's claiming she can hear the God Solon's voice"

It's that Caroline. However.

"What do you mean she's a liar?"

"I don't know much about it, but... it seems like she could really hear God's voice at the beginning. But recently, they're saying that she can't hear God's voice anymore. So, even those guys who are coaxing her calling her as the "Child of God" since she can hear God's voice, they've started rumors about her being a liar or even a swindler"

"I see..."

That's why those men got pressured and took drastic actions huh.

They're probably one of the remaining people that believe in Caroline.

"When did she stopped hearing it?"

"Who knows... I don't really know much about it... ah, that's right"

Pon The man dropped a fist to his palm.

"It's since that bastard Oros disappeared"

[Hou...?]

Eleanor reacted. Was it a name she knows?

[Maybe you should fix that bird brain of yours after all] "n?" "I see~, Oros-san huh~" Hikari knows too? That means... it's someone I've met. Someone I've met in Calamba and... since I can't remember, it's probably a man. Is it one of the eunuchs? [You did great] I flicked Eleanor who said that in a teacher's tone with a finger. But, I see. One of those three eunuchs huh. Those three eunuchs. If I'm not wrong, they have connections with the demons. And after they disappeared, that woman called Caroline stopped hearing the God Solon's voice. There's probably something. "Where can I meet that Caroline?" I asked the store owner. I became more eager to meet her. *

Using the information I got from the store owner, I went to Ainon's church.

It's a church within the several ones you can find in Ainon. It's a church that is smaller than the one in Roizen.

I entered and saw one girl inside.

"Oh God, please let me hear your voice once again"

She placed her hands together, praying alone inside the church.

I thought she was praying, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

"Please, I can only rely on God"

Her words were equal to that of begging.

The girl said repeatedly. "Please let me hear your voice, please let me hear it once again".

She only repeated that.

"Is she Caroline?", I thought and when I was about to call out to her.

"Oi! When are you going to stop that"

A man appeared from deep inside the church.

The man was carrying a buck and a mop, tools for cleaning.

"I can't clean the damn place. Go away already"

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"Don't ignore me"

The man grabbed the girl's head and forcefully made her face him.

"Ah!"

"Don't ignore me. I'm going to clean up, so go away"

"S-Sorry! Uhh, uhm, uhm"

"I'm telling you to fucking leave"

"I'm sorry. I can't hear what you're saying"

"Haa? That again, huh. You're saying, you can hear God's voice, but not of common

folks, huh?"

The man disdained the girl.

The girl furrowed her brows in distraught.

She really looks like she's troubled. She really can't hear him?

"Enough, just go away. I'm cleaning up"

The man showed the buckets he's holding. Seeing that, the girl finally realized and moved away in a hurry.

"You're really... tsk..."

The man started cleaning. The girl showed an apologetic look and walked away.

"Onee-chan"

Hikari ran towards the girl.

She stopped in front of Caroline who walked away dejectedly and looked up to her.

"Onee-chan, are you Caroline?"

Hikari asked.

Seeing Hikari's cute and innocent smile, the girl replied.

"S-Sorry. I can't hear what you're saying"

"Fue? You can't hear Hikari?"

"I'm really sorry! W-What should I do, can she read letters? She should be able to, right? Her voice is clear and sound so she should be"

The girl looked around in panic. From what she said, is she searching for paper?

"Hikari"

"Ah! Otou-san. Uhm, Otou-san, it looks like Onee-chan can't hear Hikari's voice"

"No, she probably can hear your voice. Maybe she can't recognize your words in her cognition? Or maybe it's something else?"

"That sounds difficult"

"Yeah. She's saying something about letters, so I guess she can write?"

"Yes, I can"

"I see, then through writing... mu?"

I looked at the girl.

Right now... we talked?

[That seems to be the case]

Eleanor said. It was not just my imagination huh.

I looked at the girl surprised about that, but the girl was looking at me with a face more surprised than mine.

Finally, with a few words.

"Are you... God?"

She asked.

Chapter 266 Kakeru's Miracle

"God, huh..."

The girl looked at me with imploring eyes.

Why could she understand my voice, yet she can't understand the voice of Hikari and the man from earlier?

That was the first thing that bothered me.

"Before that, answer me. Can you hear Hikari—this girl's voice?"

"It's not like I can't hear her, I just can't understand what she's saying"

"Can't understand?"

"I can hear her voice, but, uhm, it sounds to me like the wind or something..."

"...is it the same with other people?"

"Un. Up until now, I could only hear God's voice. That's why..."

The girl stared at me, becoming more and more desperate.

"Are you God?"

"I am—"

"Caroline-sama—"

When I was about to answer, I heard a voice—probably a woman's voice—from a distance.

The girl called Caroline didn't answer nor react. She probably couldn't hear her.

I thought for a second and hid myself and Hikari using my camouflage aura.

I thought of hiding the fact that she can understand me, at least until I understand why it's happening.

"Oh God?! Where did you go..."

The girl looked around searching for me in panic.

Her eyes looked like they were about to cry, she seemed as if she was a child abandoned by her parent.

"Caroline-sama. You were here"

A middle-aged woman entered the church.

The woman who was wearing plain old clothes with faded colors talked to the girl—Caroline.

"Caroline-sama, we have prepared your meal"

"Where are you? God, where ...?"

"What a shame... it seems that God has not called out to you again"

The woman looked at Caroline with sad eyes.

She did not look at her with pity—instead, she seemed empathetic and sad about it as if it was about herself.

And even that woman, Caroline did not react with her voice.

"Caroline-sama"

"Oh God, please... please show yourself to me once more"

"Caroline-sama"

The woman called her loudly, but Caroline didn't react after all.

When her hand was grabbed, Caroline finally looked at the woman's direction. The woman held Caroline's hand and traced with her finger.

I guessed that she was writing letters because I remembered Caroline saying "writing" earlier when she was dealing with Hikari.

"Food..."

"That's right, food is ready, Caroline0sama. You need to eat a lot and become healthy, otherwise, you cannot hear God's voice"

"Food..."

Caroline whispered.

How should I describe this?

"What an inconvenient constitution. With that, the voice you heard before was God's voice huh"

"Yes! The words that God tells me, I remember all of it"

"Eh?"

"Caroline-sama?"

I raised a surprised voice along with the woman. The woman was surprised that Caroline suddenly spoke out with a reply-like tone.

But I was surprised that she could hear my voice, even though I was hidden by my camouflage aura.

This has never happened before.

This camouflage aura uses Eleanor's powers, and only those who have equal or greater power than Eleanor could hear my voice and see my appearance.

But Caroline was able to hear me.

She is still looking around, and she would even look above.

It's clear that she can't see my appearance just beside her.

"Can you hear my voice?"

"Oh God!"

She showed delight and her eyes sparkled. It looks like she can hear me.

"She can hear Otou-san's voice? That's amazing~"

"What about Hikari? Can you hear my daughter's voice?"

"Daughter? No, I can only hear God's voice"

She can't hear Hikari's voice huh.

This is becoming more and more strange.

Although we're both enveloped by the camouflage aura, she can only hear my voice.

"Uhm... Caroline-sama. Can you really hear God's voice once again?"

The woman who came for Caroline asked nervously. But Caroline can't even hear the voice of the woman standing just by her side.

It seems that, she could only hear me. She could only hear my voice.

I don't know the reason behind it, but I can use this.

If she can only hear my voice, if she can only hear my voice just like when she could hear God's voice.

I thought that I could take advantage of this situation.

Now then, what should I do?

[Leave it to me]

Can you do something about the situation?

[Umu. I shall show you something like God's Miracle]

Can you do that?

[I can, if we utilize what you're doing with Althea]

It looks like she has an idea.

[Make that lass plant some kind of seed. I'll make it grow]

I see. That's sounds like a miracle.

"Caroline"

"Oh God?!"

"Do as what I am going to say"

"Yes!"

Caroline nodded with a face full of smile. She left behind the woman half in doubt and acted as I said.

She left the church for once.

She searched for fruits nearby and then planted it on the roadside.

It's not a field. It's beside the road that looks like it has very little nutrition.

She planted it there.

"Yosh, you did good"

[Let her offer her prayer. That makes it seem authentic]

"Now then. Caroline, pray"

"Yes, Oh God!"

Caroline placed her hands together and offered her prayers towards the fruit she just planted.

Caroline who suddenly prayed in front of the church gathered attention from the passers-by.

"Is she doing something again?"

"That quack. Probably wants to gather attention again"

Most of them were looking at her coldly. Gazes of disdain were being directed to Caroline.

[I made the connection. The only thing left is for you to send your powers]

I got it.

I reached out my hand and directed my consciousness towards the fruit.

Just like how I rejuvenated Althea—I sent my vigor at once.

While the townspeople were watching with scorn, a sprout emerged from the ground.

It was a small bud, but it was a sprout that symbolizes the breath of a new life.

"Hey, look at that—"

While most of the crowd were jeering, one man noticed the sprout—soon after.

"It" grew explosively.

From a small bud to a tree, from a tree to a huge tree.

It was as if it grew for years, no, tens of years. It's as if it's a time-lapse video compressing tens of years within a minute.

"Kya!"

Caroline fell to her butt. She was pushed away by the huge tree that grew while she was praying.

And the crowd.

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Most of them opened their mouths dumbly. Their jaws dropped.

A planted tree turned into a huge tree in an instant. The crowd who witnessed that lost their words.

"I-It's God. It's God's miracle!"

After one of them regained himself and started to kneel and offer his prayers to the tree, the other people who came to watch also fell to their knees and started praying.

They offered their prayers for the miracle—it was directed to Caroline as well.

"Oh God... God has not forsaken me yet"

Caroline herself did not hear the voices of the crowd. She only seemed to be moved by God's miracle.

[Good for you, "Oh God"]

Eleanor said mischievously.

With this, we have taken the first step to make Caroline the pope. The opening for her had just begun.

Chapter 267 Backward Compatibility

In a world where magic exists, miracles seem to be within arm's reach.

Because magic exists, "ordinary" supernatural phenomenon can be explained just by merely saying it's done with magic.

Most of the people in this world can tell that. Even commoners can use magic, so whether it is magic or not is easy for the crowd to understand.

That's why things that not done through magic,

Things that not done through using magic powers, they are seen as miracles.

Melissa's deeds are an example—and so as what Caroline did right now.

People who are weaker than Eleanor cannot sense her powers, so what they could see is only the results.

As such, they would recognize it as God's miracle.



In the town of Ainon, in Caroline's room.

A small space deep within the church is her room.

There are barely any furnishings, most of it was a table, a chair, a bed, and the pillows and beddings on top of it.

Although it's not in tatters, it's old.

All of the items clearly looked like they're worn out.

After being led to that room, I removed my camouflage aura and showed my appearance along with Hikari.

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"Oh God!"
"Enough of the God stuff. I'm Yuuki Kakeru"
"Yuuki... Kakeru?"
"Yeah, you can call me whichever one you want"
"...I can't call you, God?"
Caroline stared at me with an upward gaze.
Her eyes were that of pleading.
[She completely recognized you as her God. What are you going to do?]
I flicked Eleanor's blade with my finger seeing her grinning in my head.
"Alright, that's fine too"
"Thank you God!"
"Good for you, Onee-chan~"
Hikari told her with a smile, but Caroline only tilted her head.
"You can't really understand Hikari's words huh"
"I'm sorry"
"No, it's not your fault... hmm"
I thought for a second. I wondered if she really understands only my words.
I wanted to check that, so I took out my Warp Feather from my Different Dimension
Warehouse.
"Grab onto me, Caroline. Hikari, you too"
"Eh? Ah, yes"
"Un!"
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I warped with the two who had different reactions.

The place I warped to was a lavish and wide room, completely different to Caroline's room.

It's a room inside Mercouri's palace. In there was Helene who is wearing her princess dress.

Caroline's eyes popped out in amazement because of the warp that shouldn't exist in this world.

"Kakeru-sama? What's the matter?"

On the other hand, Helene noticed us and didn't move an eyebrow even after we suddenly appeared because she already knows this ability of mine.

As usual, she is enveloped by her royal aura.

There are also maids helping Helene change her attire.

I thought that maybe she's about to go to a meeting.

"I want you to help me with something for a bit. I won't trouble you"

"Please do as you wish"

Helene nodded without showing any hesitations.

The surrounding maids read the atmosphere and took a step back.

"Caroline. Can you understand what she's saying?"

"Uhm..."

"It is an honor to meet you. You are the "Child of God" Caroline-sama, right? I am Helene Teresia Mercouri"

As expected of Helene. It looks like she already knew about Caroline.

"Uhm... sorry, God..."

"It's fine. Sorry to trouble you, Helene"

"It is nothing... as expected of Kakeru-sama"

I said goodbye to Helene who seemed to have noticed something, and this time, I warped to Rica's place.

In Calamba's palace, Rica's harem, the Rose Garden.

Rica was there combing the hair of a lovely girl.

The girl's beautiful and glossy long golden hair was being combed, making even more beautiful.

"Kakeru!"

Rica noticed me and stopped her hand. She stood up and ran to me.

"Did something happen? You didn't tell me you're coming today"

"My bad, I just wanted you to help me with something"

"Is it about this girl?"

Rica looked at Caroline.

"She's called Caroline. Do you know her?"

""That" Caroline?"

"Uhm..."

"It's Rica Calamba. Nice to meet you"

Rica reached out her hand for a handshake. Caroline shook her hand, but.

"I'm sorry, God..."

"I see. Don't mind it"

"Oh! Kakeru can talk to her?"

"Is it really that famous of a story?"

"Well, quite so"

"I see"

Recalling Helene call her "Child of God", I somehow understood that Caroline's quite famous.

"My bad, I'll come again"

"Yes, I'll be waiting for you"

Rica sent us off with a smile, while the girl with a golden hair showed a somewhat disappointing look.

I said goodbye to them and warped to the next place.

Aura, Fiona, and Selene who wields Demon Sword Xiphos.

I warped to many places, letting her meet all kinds of people, but Caroline didn't understand any of their words.

She could only hear me, she could only understand my words.

After going around, we returned to Caroline's room.

"I'm sorry, Oh God..."

Caroline knew my intention, and she also knew what I was doing, but she only looks like she could not answer to my expectations.

She drooped her shoulders so pitifully, making her smaller than her already petite stature.

"Don't mind it. It's not your fault"

"Un..."

I thought once again while comforting Caroline.

It is almost confirmed that she can't understand other people's words except for me. Well, that is fine too.

Her alias "Child of God" that I heard many times.

She can hear God's voice, she can only understand God's voice, so Child of God.

I thought that having that Caroline only understand my words makes things easier instead.

To make her the Pope, to make her Melissa's substitute, there are many things I would need to do.

I guess I should put them together first. Also, I want someone else's advice.

Probably from Althea, Delfina, and Helene.

I thought of asking them for advice.

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"Un?"

"I, I'm happy just being able to talk with God"
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Naturally, I didn't take Caroline's words as it was.

When she said that, she looked awfully sad.

Described briefly, she's pushing herself.

I could easily understand that she's telling me "I'm okay" while pushing herself.

"After all, this is a power granted to me by God?"

"Granted to you?"

"Un. The God before told me, this power will someday save this world, that it's a power that makes people happy"

She was told that, huh.

And... power.

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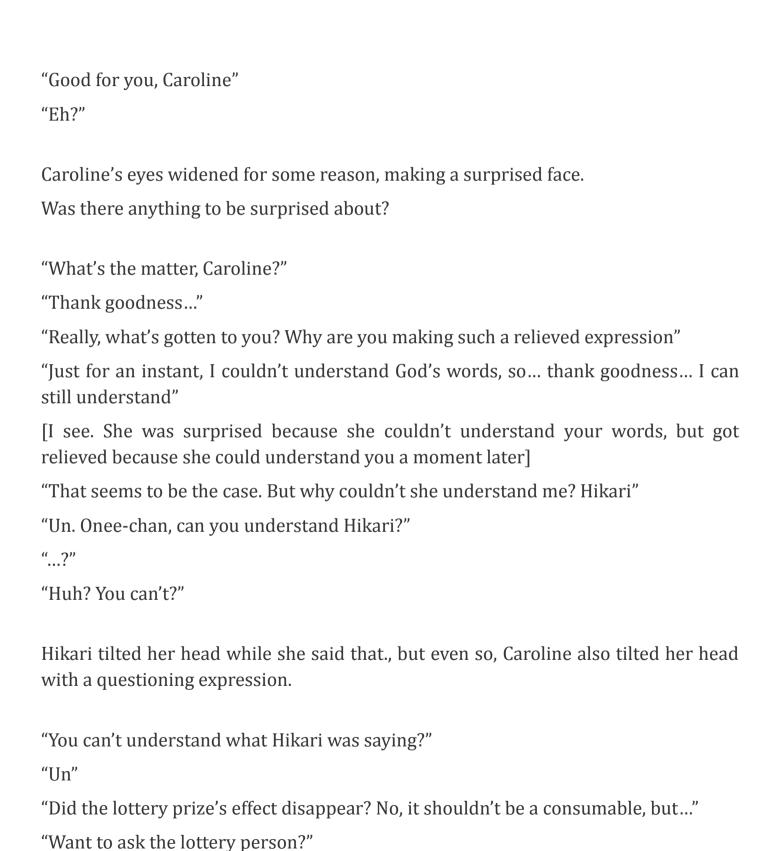
[&]quot;What's the matter, God?"

"You don't want to talk with other people?" "I-I'm fine even if I don't—" "I'm not asking whether you're alright with it. You want or you don't want? Which is it?" "...eh?" Caroline was caught off guard. She immediately replied. "I want, but..." She said softly. [She's not used to talking so she probably didn't even thought of hiding it] I also think so. I mean, Caroline's emotions are basically showing all the time. If I throw her a ball, she would simply throw it back. Because she's not used to talking, her reactions and replies are usually straightforward. And she told me she wants to. "If so, then I'll let you" "Eh? T-Through writing?" "No" I shook my head. I reached out my hand and opened my Different Dimension Warehouse. From there, I took out a prize I won from the lottery. The skill "Backward Compatibility".

I used that on Caroline.



Chapter 268 God's Task



Hikari suggested. I thought that it was a good idea.

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"What do you mean by lottery person?"

Caroline seemed like she understood Hikari's words right now.

"You can understand?"

"Yes God. I can if I want to"

"If you want to... huh. Wait a second"

"Un"

I left Caroline in her room, bringing people from my mansion to her room using my Warp Feather.

I brought Miu, Colaria, and Nana.

I made them talk with Caroline.

And what I found out was.

"Caroline can only understand the people you want to understand huh"

"That might be it..."

"It might be something like matching the frequency"

"Free, qen, see?"

Caroline tilted her head. Hikari also tilted her head.

It might be an example unfamiliar to this world.

But I understood it quite well.

From the beginning, Caroline can only hear high frequency, but after gaining the skill "Backward Compatibility", she is now about to hear different voice frequencies.

Although she can match many frequencies, she still can't hear—can't understand the frequencies that she currently does not match.

Well, there's not much problem about that.

Even ordinary people have difficulties in hearing another in crowdy places. Caroline's

current state is similar to that, so there's barely any problem.

On the other hand, the problem is what to do from now on.

Caroline is now able to talk with ordinary people, so how should I make her the pope? I thought about that for a second.

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"Onee-chan, do you like flowers?"
"....."
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"Huh? Onee-chan?"

While I was thinking, Hikari called out to Caroline, but she didn't react.

Caroline, she should be able to hear her voice, but she only can't understand what she's saying.

Since it's like that, she should be able to hear Hikari talking to her. She should be able to talk to her if she focus—that should be the case.

But Caroline, she was only staring at me, not replying to Hikari.

"Caroline"

"Yes!"

"Why won't you reply to Hikari?"

"Uhm... I didn't want to miss God's words... just like earlier... so..."

Caroline said timidly.

[How innocent, just like a loyal dog]

"That's fine, but... there's no meaning then"

She's completely focused trying to not miss any of my words, but there's no meaning to it if she doesn't match her frequency with the other people that are talking to her.

I've already given her the skill, so it's useless if she doesn't use it.

...for good or for bad, Caroline seems to be an innocent girl.

"Caroline"

"Un!"

"I'll be leaving for now. I'll come again tomorrow. Until then, go and talk to as many people as you can"

"Talk to, many people?"

"That's right... let me see. Go and ask them their names. You should tell me their names when I come tomorrow"

"Understood!"

Caroline nodded happily.

[Kukuku, you seem to be an instructor giving her homework rather than a god]

Eleanor said playfully.

I was also somewhat feeling that way.



During lunchtime the next day, I warped to Caroline's room.

There is a simple bed in her room, but even so, Caroline was sleeping on her desk.

I went to her side to have a look at her—

[She's holding something... a notebook?]

"It's full of words. Adonis, Eleni, Kylute, Eleanora... this is..."

[They are people's names. Probably the names of the people she talked to]

That seems to be the case.

But this... it's unbelievable how many there are.

I carefully took the notebook from Caroline to not let her wake up.

With a glance, I could tell that the number of names isn't less than a hundred.

Rather, there are several hundreds of them... maybe even a thousand.

"She talked to so many people?"

[She probably faithfully kept your order. How lovable is that]

"I guess so"

I carried Caroline.

I released a faint aura not to wake her up and put her down on her bed.

After placing a blanket on her, I pulled a chair to the side of her bed. I sat and waited.

I did that so I can give her words of praise as soon as she wakes up. I silently waited for her to wake up naturally.

Chapter 269 Lip Reading

In the annex of my mansion, in the training grounds of my slave soldiers.

There was a chair on the platform as usual, and I'm watching Hikari, Olivia, and the drake soldiers from there.

Althea is on my lap leaning to me.

She only sat on my lap, not doing anything.

Recently, Althea seems to like this.

Speaking of the impression it gives out, it really feels like "the king and his favorite concubine", but Althea seems to have liked it very much.

The image of a "favorite concubine" seems to make her strongly conscious about being "just a simple woman".

I gently stroked that Althea's face and talked with Eleanor.

(Things seems to be going well)

[You camouflaged only your voice using my powers huh, that is quite clever]

(I just thought that I would need it someday since with my relationship with Caroline. There should be some instances for the "voice of god" that only Caroline can hear although I am present, right?)

[Well, there is no such thing as being too prepared]

(Hikari, she's gotten stronger again)

[You can tell huh]

Eleanor said proudly.

She was a doting parent from the beginning, but recently, she would be like this when we're talking about Hikari's growth.

(Yeah. They're not merely playing tag, right?)

That's right. It was not as simple as playing tag.

Although, Hikari looks like she's just playing tag with the others.

She summoned the 100 drake soldiers as well as Olivia and let them chase each other. But she would change the appearance of those who are "tagged", restrict the movements of the drakes who were "caught", and make the drake that took a certain action "invisible".

She's fully using her powers as a Demon Sword.

[I thought this game of tag to Hikari. It's a training to release strong powers while doing small tricks simultaneously]

(I guessed so. Although Hikari looks like she's enjoying it, it's definitely not as simple as it looks)

[No problem. Kids would play to their extent then collapse to exhaustion. That is fine as it is]

(I agree)

Hikari looks like she's really enjoying their game, and since she would grow as a Demon Sword as well, I have nothing else to say.

And while watching over that Hikari and caressing Althea, I changed the topic.

(I guess it's about time to advance to the next stage)

[Umu?]

(I found a palanquin I can carry, the only thing left to decide is how to carry her)

[Making Caroline the pope huh]

(Do you know how to do that?)

[I've seen those things of the Solon Church from the side many times, so at the very least, I know its system]

(Tell me)

[First thing, the previous pope will die. And within a month after that, the candidates

will probably announce their candidacy. Although one seems to need a certain status or position to be able to do that]

(I'm hearing too much of "probably" or "seems" though?)

[I've only seen it from the side after all. After the candidates have gathered, they will enter the "month of prayer"]

(Month of prayer?)

[Umu. The believers from all over the world would pray about which one they would want to become the pope. Those prayers will be aggregated, and the one with the most prayers in the end will become the new pope]

(...in short, it's election through prayers huh)

I received a silent agreement from Eleanor.

(It's unexpectedly democratic)

[I wonder about that. Although there would be on-going status reports about the prayers every day, the last three days won't be announced]

(Is God going to interfere or something?)

[That doesn't sound funny]

But even though she was saying that, Eleanor seems to be very interested.

I organized what I heard from Eleanor.

A system that makes the believers offer their prayers to cast their votes for the candidates, huh.

(.....)

[What's the matter?]

(I understand the system. I just thought whether I would go at it head-on or exploit the system)

[I see]

Going at it head-on is of course, winning the hearts and minds of the people.

I only need to follow Caroline around and give her lots of "oracles" making her

popularity rise.

Exploiting the system is just basically cheating.

I wondered which one should I choose.

(I want to know more about the system)

[I guess so. Knowing more about it might change what you need to do]

(Do you know more about it?)

[I don't know that much, since I was just watching them from the side]

(Well, I guessed so)

Now then, what should I do?

Should I ask Melissa? No, there's a high possibility that Melissa doesn't know.

She is a type of person who's sticking in her field works. The possibility that she doesn't know about that system is very high.

Most of all, it isn't good to talk about cheating the system with a faithful believer.

Since that's the case...

(It's Delfina then)

[A wise decision. Though, I believe that there is a wiser one]

I knew instantly who Eleanor was talking about.

It's Althea who's enjoying her stay on top of my lap.

The Great Sage Althea, as the woman who knows all kinds of knowledge, she probably knows something about it.

But.

[I know]

(Don't suggest it then)

[You're spoiling that woman, so it just made me want to say it]

(Jealous?) [No way] Eleanor said more playfully than usual. [I just thought that your spoiling towards that woman might be toxic to her. She's such a good woman after all?] (If you're talking about that, then there's no problem. "Just Althea" is enough for her to be described as a good woman) [Fine then] Eleanor stopped saying anything. Now then, I should go to Delfina's place and ask— "Diatheke" "n?" Althea suddenly said. When I looked at her, she was still leaning on me, but her gaze was pointing to somewhere else. Was it just my imagination? She seemed to be somewhat sulking, yet happy at the same time. She made that kind of contradicting expression. "It's nothing. I was just talking to myself"

"Is that so?"

"That's right, just a soliloquy. I need to whisper to myself sometimes, or else, I might forget about many things"

"...I see"

I said and kissed Althea's lips.

After giving her a short kiss, Althea showed a happy yet sulking expression.

(Did she hear us?)

[Rather than that, she probably only understood you. Even if she doesn't hear your voice, she can read your lips]

(Lip reading huh)

"...hmph"

Althea scoffed and completely leaned her whole body to mine.

It looks like I wasn't wrong about her listening to me through reading my lips.

Since that's the case, Althea's "soliloquy" isn't about her talking to herself, but some kind of a hint or advice.

I continued to caress Althea's cheek.

I did it just how I did before.

I stroked her cheek while adoring her just as Althea, just as a simple woman.

Not as an expression of gratitude for the great sage's advice—

[Kukuku, she could completely tell that "thoughtfulness" of yours]

I flicked Eleanor who spoke playfully with my finger.

You're the one who should be more thoughtful.

While caressing Althea cherishingly, I memorized in my head the hint that she gave.

Chapter 270 Miracle and Cotton Candy

At night, on top of my bed in my room.

Althea is lying beside me.

Unlike usually, both Althea and I are wearing clothes.

But although we're wearing clothes, Althea's eyes as she looked up to me was sparkling, looking no less seductive than she usually is.

"Ka—"

—keru. That was probably what Althea was about to say. But the instant she spoke, I cut her off with a kiss.

I cut off Althea's words with a kiss because she seemed like she's about to tell me something.

We've been doing that for a while... ever since Althea spoke out the word "Diatheke".

She tries to say my name but I would stop her with a kiss.

She would try to chat about something but I would stop her with a kiss.

I would kiss her for no reason. I would kiss Althea as soon as she says something. I just continued to kiss her, not letting her speak out a word.

[You're spoiling, no, you're indulging her]

Eleanor said that while rolling her eyes, but I didn't refute nor agreed with her. After all, if I say anything, Althea would read my lips as she is staring at me.

That's why I only continued to kiss her without saying anything.

"The advice from the great sage is enough", I did not tell her that through words, but by kissing her throughout the night.

[That's a lie]

n?

[You're just spoiling her because you thought she's lovely and sweet]

There's that too—about 80% of the reason is that.

That's true, but you didn't need to say that right now. I reached out my hand to flick Eleanor who wouldn't read the air.



The next day, in the town of Ainon.

I warped within the town, then walked to the church.

[You're getting better at using it]

"You're talking about the aura?"

I'm holding a woman's underwear.

It's a silk underwear made in the town of sericulture Ainon.

I'm holding that with my hand and was even spinning it around, but no one ever noticed.

It's because I've camouflaged it with my aura.

By the way, what I'm doing right now is not hiding it with my camouflage aura.

I'm camouflaging it to make it look like a simple cloak from the side.

From the side, people would only see me spinning a cloak tied in a loop using my finger.

They aren't looking at me strangely, and since they can see the cloak, they would just

avoid it.

"I had an idea from Althea's lip reading. I thought that if I can change how my lips move, I might be able to trick those who can read lips"

[That is quite skilful]

"I don't know if it would be useful though"

[If you don't find anything to use it for, then I suggest you should use it to change the appearance of your women's clothes. Just like what Hikari was doing]

"Now that you mentioned it, it's really the same with what Hikari was doing huh. Well, it's the same powers used by a Demon Sword. Of course it's the same]

[I'll tell you this, Hikari is better than you right now. After all, she can freely change the appearance of one hundred drake soldiers as she wishes]

"As expected from Hikari"

Eleanor might have thought she was taunting me, but unlike her who has a rivalry against Hikari as a Demon Sword, I would only be happy with Hikari's growth.

Even if she tells me she's better than me, that would only make me happy.

Just like that, I walked in the town with Eleanor, and finally arrived at the church.

I entered and found Caroline inside. While the other believers were offering their prayers to the God Solon, Caroline was chatting with a different woman.

It was a sharp and cold beauty. Her beautiful hair was tied with two knots and you could see a strong will from her eyes.

Rica Calamba.

Ainon is a town near the border of the Calamba Kingdom. But the Queen of that kingdom was there, looking very incognito without bringing any of her servants along with her.

She seems to be talking about something with Caroline, so I sat on a chair on the opposite side of the church, and heightened my hearing without calling to them.

"Then that means, it is only recently that you are able to hear god's words again" "Un. Thanks to God, I can now understand everyone's voices" "Is that so. By the way, what did god tell you? Is there something, like an "oracle"?"

"Hmm~... I don't know. He only told me to speak more with people"

"Right... Hey, when did you start hearing god's voice? How frequently do you hear it? Is there a certain timing when you with hear it?"

Rica asked her quickly.

She seems to be very interested in god's voice that Caroline started to hear again, so she's questioning her.

It's only recently that Caroline got the skill "Backwards Compatibility", so it's only recently that she's able to talk to ordinary people, so Caroline looked like she's confused, unable to give a satisfying reply.

Rica asked her a round of questions, and after understanding that she can't get the answer she wanted, she stopped.

She left the church after giving a donation.



"Rica"

I chased after Rica and called out to her.

"Kakeru"

Rica stopped and turned to me.

She didn't look surprised at all. She looked at me with a smile.

"You were here huh"

"Yeah. Did you need something from her?"

"I just wanted to ask something. She doesn't seem to remember me, so it was easy to talk to her"

"She didn't remember you?"

I tilted my head, then glanced at the church.

Caroline should've met her since I've brought her to Rica...

Rica answered, seeming like she understood my doubt.

"We couldn't talk when we met before, so she probably couldn't remember me"
"I see..."

I was convinced and walked beside Rica.

The town of sericulture Ainon.

I walked beside Calamba's Queen within the territory of the Calamba Kingdom. However, no one noticed Rica, so the town looked as lively as it usually is.

"You look pretty in those clothes"

"Thanks. I'm incognito, so it would be better if I wore more ordinary clothes, but..."
"But?"

I asked Rica who stopped halfway.

She looked at me with a faint blush, but she didn't answer.

We stopped in front of a certain store.

There are several showcases in front of the store and you can find silkworms in it.

It looks like they're letting customers feed the silkworms. A traveler-looking parent and child were feeding the silkworms with the leaves prepared by the store.

The silkworm would eat those leaves and immediately spit out thread.

"The thread is made like this huh"

"You didn't know?"

"Yeah. It's different from the silkworms I know"

"Is that so"

I took one leaf and spun that leaf on top of my finger. I would also envelop it with my aura hiding it from everyone else.

While doing that, I talked to Rica.

"Why did you come to meet Caroline?"

"I've known the Child of God Caroline for a while now. I just heard rumors that that Child of God can now understand people"

"You knew that I was involved right?"

"Yes. That's why I thought of ignoring it. But from what I've heard, I thought she might hear the real god's voice"

"Muu..."

That might be true.

The skill "Backwards Compatibility" is something like matching the frequency.

If one can understand it like that, then it's not strange to come up with something like what Rica thought.

"That's why I came to ask her about it. For the sake of this town, I thought that it would be better if she would make many more miracles"

"As expected of a Queen"

"And if this goes on, she would soon be among the upper echelons of the Solon Church. She is from this town, so it is not bad to get along with her right now. The stability of the religion in the territory is very important"

"As expected from you"

I said the same thing once again.

"Rather than that, is Kakeru trying to do something using her?"

Rica's eyes released a strange light.

I know that gaze of hers.

The master of the Rose Garden, the Queen's harem.

She made a harem and gave that harem to me.

She would make that gaze a lot when we're talking about that.

I'm completely sure that she would tell me she'll cooperate if I tell her I've taken a liking on Caroline.

"No, it isn't like that this time. The reason I got close to her is—"

But when I was thinking of asking about "Diatheke".

My eyes were caught by something else. My consciousness, my interest was completely taken by that.

The leaf that I was fiddling and spinning around was eaten by a silkworm.

The silkworm that ate that spat out black thread.

I stared at that and Rica noticed me doing so.

"Huh? It's spitting out black thread... I've never seen it spat something like this before"

"It's like a cotton candy... mu!"

"What's the matter, Kakeru?"

The instant I spoke out cotton candy, I got a eureka.

The black thread that the silkworm spat out. That thread that Rica has never seen before, it was carrying the aura of a Demon Sword.

I made it eat an ordinary leaf mixed with the Demon Sword aura and it spat out a thread of a different color.

Adding to the fact that the silkworms were different to what I know, they looked to me like a machine spitting out a colorful cotton candy.

And that gave me a eureka.

"...Rica"

"What?"

"I'll give you a miracle"

"What kind?"

Normally, people would get confused at this point, asking back "miracle, really?".

[Your long relationship with her is not for show]

Just like what Eleanor cheerfully said.

Because of our long relationship, Rica guessed a gist of what I'm going to do. Her eyes started to show excitement.

Chapter 271

The Memory from the First Encounter

I'm in the courtyard of a large mansion residence.

In that courtyard with a size comparable to a town square, one can see huge barrels the size of a bathtub here and there.

There is colored liquid inside those barrels and bare-breasted men would put in threads inside, then hang them using a pole after taking the threads out.

I'm looking at that scene with Rica.

Both of us are hiding enveloped by my camouflage aura.

"Hmm, dyeing the thread would a process later huh"

"I think so. Though I've known it, this is the first time I'm seeing it with my eyes"

"Dyeing the thread at a later process. It's the same with the one I know"

"What are you going to do next?"

Towards Rica's question, I reached out my hand.

There's a silkworm that I bought in the town and I made it the leaf that I also bought.

Soon after, the silkworm spat out a black thread.

I controlled the aura that I mixed in making it stronger, so the thread it spat out was darker than what the silkworm before made.

It's a glossy black color, similar to obsidian.

That made me reassured even more. Just like the cotton candy machine, I should be able to control the color of the thread that the silkworm spits out by adjusting what it eats.

"Just like this, wouldn't it be a specialty product if you can make the silkworm spit out colored thread? Do you know this method?"

"I don't. I've never even heard of it. How did you do it?"

"I infused my powers into the leaf, just like how I enveloped us with my aura. If Rica doesn't know it, then that is convenient. If I tell Caroline this method, it should be a miracle"

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"What's the matter. What's gotten you silent?"

"Is that something anyone can do?"

"Un?"

I looked at Rica. She's making an unusually difficult face.

"Powers... magic powers? Leaving aside mixing that to the leaf and letting the silkworm eat it, is that something anyone can do? If it's something that ordinary people can't do, then there would be no meaning"

""

There was that huh.

I did not say anything and took out my Warp Feather from my Different Dimension Warehouse. I warped to my mansion along with Rica.

Miu was there, so I removed my aura and showed ourselves.

"Miu"

"Master, and Rica-sama as well. Would you like the bedroom to be prepared?"

"No, there's no need for that right now. More importantly, is Io around?"

"Yes, she is in the living room"

"I see"

I nodded, and after stroking Miu's head, I walked into the living room.

Io would go to various places as an adventurer, but she still stays in my mansion a lot. It seems like she's here right now too.

I entered the living room and saw Io playing with Hikari.

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"Ah! Otou-san"
"Kakeru-san. Welcome back"
"I'm back, you two. I want to ask something"
"What is it?"
I took out a leaf and showed it to Io.
"Can you enchant your magic powers to this leaf?"
"Enchant?"
"It's to infuse it with magic powers"
I released a trace of my dark aura in front of her and used it to envelop the leaf.
Seeing that, Io nodded with understanding.
"I'm sorry... that is... very difficult"
"Even for you, huh"
Io is now an S-Rank Adventure and is even called a Great Wizard.
There is no one better than her when using lightning-type magic and she also received
the Dark Lightning from Eleanor in the past era.
"That" Io said that it's difficult.
"I didn't even know that's possible..."
"You've never heard it before?"
"Yes..."
Io looked dejected.
"Don't feel bad about it. It's not your fault"
I told her while patting her head.
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"But... if even you can't do this, then this idea is rejected then. I thought that it was a good idea, but..."

I thought.

Adjusting the color of the thread the silkworm makes is secondary, the most important thing is that it will attract a lot of attention using this method since colorful threads that won't fade or stain can be made.

I thought it was somewhat revolutionary, but...

"If it was so easy, then anyone would've done it already. After all, Ainon's sericulture has a history of more than a hundred years"

Rica said with a wry smile.

"That's all the more reason", I thought.

That's why I thought it would be enough to be called a miracle.

"There should be a way... mu!"

"What's the matter, Kakeru-san? Why are you staring at me?"

"Is there something on Onee-chan's face?"

Io and Hikari tilted their head.

I continued to stare at Io.

I feel like I'm about to realize something.

Looking at Io's face, something rose inside my head.

I desperately thought what it was.

"Kakeru-san?"

"...it's just at the tip of my tongue. Looking at Io..."

"Me?"

"...maybe it's something related to Io?"

Rica said.

"How about recalling your memories with Io from the beginning? That might trigger it. It might be difficult for the older ones but—"

"There's no problem. I can remember everything I've done with my woman"

"-eh?!"

"Kakeru-san..."

[You can't even remember a man's name though]

I flicked Eleanor who's making fun of me with a finger and traced my memories with Io.

I met her first in the adventurer guild, she told me she wants to become my party member, we went to Orycuto's Valley—

"Ah!"

"You've recalled something?"

"Yeah, wait for a minute"

I used my Warp Feather and warped to Orycuto's valley from my mansion.

The master of the valley looked like it was relaxing, but it suddenly tries to run away as soon as it saw me.

I enveloped my whole body with my dark aura, making my appearance hidden.

Soon after, the Orycuto that was panicking to run away stopped. It nervously looked around.

Finally, it thought that I was not around. It returned to where it was earlier and started to relax.

I looked around.

Orycuto's valley, Orycudite.

It's a place where that rainbow colored ore is created, with the magic powers released by Orycuto being absorbed by surrounding rocks.

I dropped the leaf I brought to the ground.

[Hou...]

I heard Eleanor's impressed voice.

Orycuto was just relaxing while releasing magic powers as if to breathe out.

That magic powers scattered in its surroundings and even enveloped the leaf.

After seeing the leaf completely dyed with the first color—red, I picked it up and let a silkworm eat it.

The silkworm immediately spat out red thread.

[It's amazing how you thought of this. However, in this way, wouldn't it be difficult for mass production?]

"I guess so..."

Orycuto's Orycudite. It's fine and well with finding a way to use it, but just like what Eleanor had said, it's difficult for mass production.

And although Orycuto would panic and run away as soon as it sees me, it's still a monster that is threatening to ordinary people.

It's probably difficult to take advantage of it for business.

I warped back to my mansion while thinking of other ways.

"Ah! Kakeru-san!"

"Kakeru, look at this"

As soon as I came back, Io and Rica drew close to me.

Prompted by Rica, I looked at the leaf that Io was holding.

It's green—no, it's more green than the normal one.

The color was similar to emerald that is releasing a bright shine.

"This is?"

"I also recalled my memories with Kakeru and I remembered Orycuto. I did it like the Orycuto does, and I was able to do it!"

"Really?"

I took the leaf from Io and after giving it a stare, I made the silkworm eat it.

We stared at the silkworm anxiously as it ate it.

Finally, the silkworm spat out an emerald-colored thread.

"We did it!"

"Io. Can you teach this to other people?"

"Un! It's not that difficult. Though there's a need to go to Orycuto's valley once. The magic powers there, it's also a magic attack, so"

"I see. People who have the aptitude for it... they can use it so long as they get to leave that valley alive huh"

"Un!"

"That's an amazing discovery, Io"

"Ehehe~..."

Io smiled happily.

I praised, hugged, and kissed her.

After doing that, I looked to Rica's direction.

"We can make a miracle now"

"Un!"

Rica also smiled happily.

Chapter 272 Oracle

In the town of Ainon, inside the church.

I entered while enveloped by my camouflage aura and saw Caroline offering her prayer among the many believers.

Is it because she is called the Child of God? Or is it because it was "proved" recently?

Among the crowd who were offering their prayers, Caroline was clearly in the middle of them, as if she was in a position that leads the rest of the believers.

It also feels like there is a distance between them.

[This is only natural. After all, she is called the Child of God]

I ignored Eleanor's words and went in front of the believers.

I walked naturally without hiding the sound of my footsteps.

But even so, thanks to my camouflage aura, no one noticed. All of the believers continued their prayers.

{Caroline}

"Oh God?!"

I called out to her while enveloped by my aura and Caroline quickly opened her eyes. She looked around searching for me.

"Did just she say God?"

"Is it an oracle?!"

"Shh! Don't get in her way!"

Caroline's reaction stirred the surrounding believers.

These believers can't hear my voice. They only reacted to the words Caroline said.

They stirred a commotion instantly but also turned silent instantly.

However, all of them had eyes of expectations, sending all of their gazes to Caroline.

"Oh God? Are you not around?"

With an expression of half disappointed and half panic—with a voice that sounded like it's from a child who is about to be abandoned, Caroline called out to me.

{I'm here}

"Thank goodness..."

That stirred the believers again, but I ignored them and continued.

{Caroline, there is something I want you to do}

"Please tell me God, I shall follow any of your commands!"

{Firstly, gather townspeople who have gone to Orycuto's Valley}

"0... ry?"

{Orycuto's Valley}

Is it because it's a place she heard for the first time? Caroline tilted her head in confusion.

After hesitating for a moment, she changed her frequency and said to the believers.

"God said, gather people who have gone to Orycuto's Valley"

The believers were stirred.

"Orycuto's Valley... isn't that the place where you can get Orycudite?"

"Why is..."

"It is Solon-sama's words. Anyway, let's go and ask the people in the town"

The believers were confused as well, but even so, they left the church in a hurry.

It was quick after that. Within thirty minutes, there are five young men—all of them adventurers—who have gathered inside the church.

"Oh God, we have gathered them"

{Yosh. After that, make them use this magic}

"Magic?"

In front of Caroline who was tilted her head, I dropped a leaf that is the staple diet of silkworms.

It was enveloped by my aura until then, but as soon as it left my hand, it would've looked as if it suddenly appeared from nothing.

The believers that have gathered beforehand, the five adventurers, and the townspeople who came to watch.

All of them let out a voice of surprise.

"It suddenly appeared"

"I didn't feel magic powers"

"I'm telling you, Solon-sama must have visited us"

I continued after seeing Caroline catch the leaf in a panic.

{It's magic name is Chroma}

"I understand—uhm... please use the magic called Chroma to this"

When Caroline said that, the adventurers looked at each other's faces.

"Chroma...? We can use a magic spell like that?"

"No, before that, it's the first time I've heard it"

"What kind of magic spell is it?"

The adventurers were confused, but on the other hand, Caroline was calm as she stared straight at them.

God's words and Caroline who brings the oracle. Compared to the adventurers, the surrounding people knew who to believe and just urged them to hurry up.

After wavering for a moment, the adventurers reluctantly did what they were told.

They chanted "Chroma" towards the leaf that Caroline brought.

They chanted it one by one. Nothing happened until the fourth man, but at the fifth man's turn, magic powers were released from his whole body.

It was a red colored magic powers, magic powers that seemed as if it was flames.

Voices of surprise were raised within the church, but after they saw Caroline and that adventurer not hurt, finding out that it was just magic powers, they regained their selves.

That magic powers stuck to the leaf. The magic powers stuck to the ordinary green leaf, turning it to a flaming red color.

{Hold it just like that, Caroline. Don't drop it} "Yes"

After telling her in advance, this time, I placed a silkworm on top of Caroline's palm and removed my camouflage aura.

The silkworm that suddenly appeared stirred the townspeople, but Caroline who was told not to drop it was unmoved.

The silkworm ate the red colored leaf and spat out a thread of the same color.

"""Ohhhhhh!!"""

The townspeople raised voices of awe at once.

"P-Please let me see it for a moment"

Passing through the crowd, one old man approached Caroline.

He moved closer and his eyes widened unbelievably as he looked at the red thread.

"This color... this gloss"

"What's the matter, Old Biron?"

A man who seemed to be the old man's acquaintance asked within the crowd.

"A color this pure, a color with such uniform shade. It's a color that I've tried yet was never able to make"

"Is that true?!"

The surrounding people were stirred.

"Umu. Dyeing the threads would always tend to be dull and the color tends to be mottling. To make a color as beautiful as this, it is amazing enough if you were able to succeed once every hundred tries"

"Let me see it too"

"Hey, can other colors be made too?"

People who seemed to be involved in sericulture continuously appeared from the crowd. They would stare at the thread that the silkworm spat out and would ask Caroline questions.

I told Caroline about it.

About the magic spell "Chroma" that uses Orycudite and about the thread made by letting silkworms eat leaves enveloped by it.

The color created by the magic spell "Chroma" depends on the person's aptitude and attribute.

And by using Caroline's voice, I revealed that to the townspeople.

The magic spell "Chroma" itself was undiscovered up until now.

It was only natural. It's a magic spell you can learn by getting hit by Orycuto's magic powers. It's not an offensive spell, so even if you get "hit" you won't realize it.

And of course, the method of changing the leaves eaten by silkworms is a first as well.

Immediately, the people involved with sericulture who heard that left in a hurry. They're probably going to gather people from the town who have experience in going to Orycuto's valley, they might even be gathering them from other towns.

It felt as if they can't wait to test this method.

Within the people who remained, the old man called Old Biron kneeled to Caroline.

"Thank you very much. We will never forget this debt of gratitude, Caroline-sma"

The old man put his hands together and worshiped Caroline, but Caroline's reaction was dull.

She probably couldn't hear him. I can tell from the movement of Caroline's eyes. She's waiting for my words.

She's still matching her frequency with mine, so she doesn't seem to hear the old man's words.

However, even if Caroline couldn't, it wasn't the same for the townspeople.

A moment after Old Biron kneeled, the other people followed him and worshipped Caroline.

"Thank you very much, Caroline-sama"

"Thank you, Oh God"

"Long live Solon-sama"

They said those words of praise one next to the other.

[Good for you, Oh God]

Eleanor teased me while grinning.

The good mood I could feel from her while she teased me proved our success.

Seeing Caroline being worshipped by the believers, I was assured of my success—whatever Diatheke was, I was assured that I've successfully built up a foundation to make Caroline the pope.

Chapter 273 Scheme and Reward

In the town of Ainon, I'm beside Caroline while enveloped by my camouflage aura.

The town of Ainon is very lively right now.

The magic spell from Orycuto, Chroma. After knowing that it could be used to make silkworms spit out threads of different color, everyone in the town who were involved with sericulture started taking actions.

Sorting out the magic powers that can be enchanted using Chroma, sorting out the difference of colors made by magic powers, doing tests in adjusting the depth of the color.

The town, it was full of excitement to the extent that it could be seen from anyone's eyes.

While all of that happened, Caroline only continued to pray inside the church.

She won't even react even if someone is talking to her. She is only continuing to pray, waiting for the next oracle of her god.

Looking at her, I was thinking of what to do next. It was at that time.

"Caroline-sama!"

One man rushed into the church in a panic.

That man who seemed to be in his thirties was panicking—he was even about to kick away the long bench seats, came in front of Caroline.

"This is bad, Caroline-sama!"

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"Caroline-sama?"

Opposite to the man who looked desperate, Caroline only closed her eyes, unmoving as she prayed.

"It's useless. Caroline-sama is offering her prayer"

"When she's like this, she won't hear anything but God's oracle"

A believer who was praying just the same said.

The "Backward Compatibility" that I gave to Caroline. That ability that allows her to match the frequency with other people seems to be known by many believers.

"T-This is bad, Caro—"

The man tried to grab Caroline's shoulder.

He probably wanted to shake her if his voice can't reach her.

"What are you doing, you insolent fellow!"

"It is unforgivable to disturb Caroline-sama's prayer"

Did they predict it? Or were their reactions were just quick?

The surrounding believers captured the man.

You could see clear anger in their expressions.

As if to say "this outrageous fellow daring to disturb Caroline".

"Please let me go! This isn't the time for this. The Queen, the Queen's messenger came!"

What?

[Hou?]

Eleanor and I reacted at the same time.

The queen the man was saying must be Rica.

The town of Ainon within the territory of the Calamba Kingdom. The queen that a resident from that place would say would only be Rica.

"What do you mean?"

"I'm saying—"

Quicker than the man could explain, the church's door was opened again.

The door was opened, and under the light coming from outside, a middle-aged man advanced while protected by soldiers.

His attire is quite decent. He looks like someone who has a high position.

[Hou, this guy huh. Kukuku, I'm sure you don't remember so I'll say it first. It's the man during the "Five Noble Titles(Goshaku)"]

Un?

Ahh, that time when Althea casually got me noble titles from all the five great kingdoms huh.

That means, this guy is Rica's messenger at that time.

Now that it's mentioned, his face seems familiar. Well, I don't really remember it though.

[Yes, of course you don't]

Eleanor mercilessly said with a roll of her eyes.

The man slowly walked forward and stood in front of Caroline.

He said in a ceremonious manner with his chin up as he looked down at Caroline.

"These are the words from Her Majesty, Queen Rica Calamba. Listen carefully"

After he said that, the surrounding believers were stirred at once.

Only Caroline didn't show a reaction. She only continued praying as if she can't hear anything.

Seeing that, the man furrowed his brows.

"How discourteous"

"Uhm! Caroline-sama is praying right now"

"She can't hear anyone else other than God"

The surrounding believers defended her in a hurry.

"Hmph, whatever"

The man scoffed and made a scornful smile.

"You can only act like that now", was written on his face.

But when I was wondering what he meant.

"You have discovered a new kind of silk yarn manufacturing method. Praised for that achievement, the title of first-class baron shall be bestowed upon Caroline of Ainon"

The surrounding were stirred.

Surprise, delight.

Those emotions were mixed, filling the church with a commotion.

However, Caroline herself did not show any reactions.

She can't hear their voices—no, she can't understand their words, so naturally, she doesn't understand what just happened.

As a result, she did not show any reactions as she continued to pray.

The man's face was quickly stiffening.

At first, he was like "You can only act like that now", then after he said Rica's words, he was like "Hmph, you must be filled with awe", then he gradually turned to "How can

you remain unmoved".

His expression was mixed with surprise and anger.

"How discourteous!"

He used the same words as earlier, but this time, he shouted at Caroline with anger.

Naturally, the believers tried to mediate. Some of them were even risking themselves to protect Caroline.

Furthermore.

"As expected from her"

"Yeah, she's probably not interested with worldly titles"

There were even those who became more devout to Caroline—the Child of God.

Looking at the situation, I judged that it wouldn't be any big problems.

After giving them a good look, I took out my Warp Feather and warped to Meteora.



In Meteora's palace, I encountered a maid when I warped to Rica's room.

"Kakeru-sama!"

That maid who was making the bed wasn't surprised when I suddenly appeared, but instead, she became stiff with nervousness as her back straightened.

"Thea, where's Rica?"

"The Queen Her Majesty is in her office"

"I see, thank you"

"It was my honor!"

Leaving the maid that looked respectful, I left Rica's room and walked through the familiar corridor.

[The maid earlier, do you know her?]

"She's one of the chambermaids. I've seen her several times in Rica's harem"

[What about her name?]

"n? Rica called her like that, so I shouldn't be wrong"

[I'm not speaking about that though]

"What then?"

I asked but Eleanor won't answer.

"What's up with her?" I thought as I arrived in Rica's office.

I knocked and entered.

"Rica"

"Kakeru!"

Rica stood from her chair and ran up to me.

"I knew you would come"

"Yeah. Why did you do something like that?"

"Fufu, before that, can I guess what happened? That girl, she didn't accept right?"

"Rather than not accepting, she didn't even hear it"

Hearing that, Rica's smile deepened.

"Why did you do something like that?"

"As a queen, I can grasp what is happening in my territory. The more it is, since an oracle that could greatly change the circumstances of the town Ainon was made"

Rica was smiling, but she said that as if she was not concerned with it.

Not to mention grasping what happened, she saw it, no, she was completely involved.

But even so, Rica took a step back and expressed it as "grasping" it.

"Is it not natural to glorify the key figure within all of that?"

"And then? What's the real reason?"

"Gilding the lily"

"Gilding?"

"Kakeru is making that girl rise up right?"

"Yeah, I am"

"If so, isn't then gilding some gold is good for her as well? Not only possessing the ability to receive oracles, being acknowledged by worldly authorities is important too" "I see"

"Nevertheless, she won't accept it anyway. A Child of God that would even ignore the authorities of the secular world. Wouldn't it make her even more revered?"

I recalled what happened earlier.

It's true that there are some believers who became more devout to Caroline.

She planned it that far, huh.

"As expected from you"

"She's a girl who caught Kakeru's eye after all"

"That sounds like it make sense but not at the same time..."

"More importantly, is she already?"

"...not yet"

I didn't understand what she was implying for an instant, but I immediately remembered that Rica is called the "Master of the Rose Garden".

She's a woman who, while being a queen, she gathered women and made her harem "Rose Garden", and gave it to me as a whole.

The "already" that Rica says only has one meaning.

"Why?"

"I'll do it sooner or later, but we're still halfway after all"

"I see. Then, can I be first?"

"Fine"

I answered promptly. I wrapped an arm around Rica's waist and gave her a deep kiss. While kissing, I remembered that the maid Thea was making the bed in Rica's bedroom, so I chose to warp to my mansion.

"Wait, Kakeru"

When I was about to warp, Rica stopped me.

"I didn't mean it like that, there's a girl that I want Kakeru to make love with"

"I intended on praising you with a "good job" though"

"I'm asking if you can do it to that girl too. She's a good girl, but she was with trouble"

"Shouldn't you just give her a noble title?"

"She's such a good girl. That's why I don't want to reward her with something usual. If possible, I want Kakeru to make her "happy""

Rica looked up to me within my arms.

She looked at me pleading with her graceful eyes.

"Making me love her is better than having a noble title, huh"

"Isn't that natural?"

"I see, since that's the case"

I took out my Warp Feather and pushed Rica down on her bed after we warped.

"Kakeru?!"

"Since that's the case, I must give you your reward first"

I dropped a kiss on her then looked straight to her eyes.

"About Caroline and about that girl. As a reward for both of them, you're first"

I peeked into her beautiful eyes.

"Got it?"

I said.

Rica was surprised for a moment, but she soon wrapped her arms around my neck.

"Thank you. I love you, Kakeru"

That Rica who became sweet and lovable.

For a whole night, I loved her slowly and gently.

Chapter 274 The Queen's Scheme

At night in my bedroom. Rica was looking up to the ceiling wearing just a single piece of silk clothing.

Even within the darkness, her eyes looked clear and sparkling.

Those eyes of hers made me interested a bit.

"What's the matter, are you thinking of something?"

"I was remembering the past"

"The past?"

"Before I met Kakeru"

Rica suddenly smiled.

I remembered different eyes.

Rica's eyes when we just met, her eyes that looked lifeless when she was being controlled like a puppet by the eunuchs.

"Why so suddenly?"

"I can't remember it"

"Un?"

"You know, right now. I have so many things to think of every day. I feel like it's even too much. But I would suddenly think, what was I thinking back then"

"Hmm"

"And then, I realized I couldn't remember anything. Although I can remember what happened back then, I can't remember what I was thinking at all"

"Would you want to remember it?"

I got on top of Rica who was lying on her back, looking into her eyes.

If, if Rica wants to remember, then...

"...fufu"

She stared straight back to my eyes and gently smiled.

"What's funny?"

"Kakeru is always like that. If I answered yes here, you would probably do that for me. No matter how difficult it would be, no matter what obstacles are waiting for you"

"Of course"

Rica is a good woman, my woman.

If Rica wishes so, then I'll grant it whatever it is.

"Fufu"

"What's up with you, really"

"That was probably why, it turned out like this"

"Un?"

"Kakeru is only doing what he wants. You would find good women and make love with them. You would love them because they would become good women and continuously love good women as they improve"

"Well yeah"

"That Kakeru, makes the women around him captivated wilfully. It is not because Kakeru is cool, nor because he would do something for us. That way of living makes us captivated"

"Is it such a big deal?"

"Being captivated, it brings us joy"

"Hmm"

"It even makes us want to help you"

"The noble title... no, about Melissa huh"

Rica's smile deepened.

Rica's an intelligent woman. She probably knows that the reason I'm helping Caroline in the first place is for Melissa.

The Solon Church's pope is about to die and there are movements to support the next pope. Naturally, as a queen, Rica would've known it.

And she probably somewhat knows that Melissa is refusing to be the pope.

It is easy for Rica to imagine that I would do something for Melissa, so she probably lent a hand somewhere.

"I'll tell Kakeru one thing"

"What is it?"

"There is a person in Calamba named Sybil Crass. At her own expense, she would open schools in small villages, and she herself is teaching lessons in there"

"He~"

"But that person is currently in a tight spot. As a result of using her own wealth to do that, she is living an impoverished life enough to make herself fall into malnutrition. On top of that, she being harassed by some people that think that education is only for nobles. After saying this much, you should know what to do"

Rica smiled at me.

"It's the best person to show God's mercy huh"

I also grinned and raised the corner of my mouth, smiling back at her.

"That sounds something like if she were someone from the church, after she dies from deprivation, she would be a saint in the stories"

"Yes"

"If I use Caroline to help her, then her reputation will rise"

Rica silently smiled.

That's why it makes you want to help.

Within the silence, I felt like I was told the same line from earlier.

"Thank you"

I kissed Rica then got out of the bed, started to wear my clothes.

"You're going already?"

"Yeah, I heard something good, so I'll be acting quickly"

I wore my clothes, took Eleanor, and took out my Warp Feather.

After giving Rica one last kiss, I warped to Ainon to make use of the information I got.



Rica, left in the room alone after Kakeru left.

Enveloped by the remaining warmth and scent by her most beloved, she fell once again to the bed.

Laying on her back, she looked up at the ceiling.

Her eyes that shone even within the darkness was filled by loving kindness that did not show earlier.

"It makes us want to help you"

Rica repeated the same words.

Sybil Crass.

A person who thinks of the kingdom a hundred years later. A person who is burning with the ideal that the commoners must be given to commoners.

And a person who, for that ideal, would be willing to sacrifice her own self.

That kind of... woman. A woman that Kakeru would like.

Rica Calamba.

She is known as a queen who possesses a harem, and as such, called the Master of the

Rose Garden.

Within Rica's consciousness, the Rose Garden does not only exist within her palace, but extends throughout the lands of the Calamba Kingdom.

Rica who completely believes that being captivated by Kakeru is happiness schemed for Sybil and Kakeru's encounter.

"I should prepare some more"

By adding intricate details, she was thinking of accelerating Caroline and Kakeru's relationship.

Chapter 275 The Cradle of Killing Intent

The people frequenting the church in the town of Ainon increased a lot.

And the reason for that is easy to tell. People gathered surrounding Caroline who is continuously praying in front of the statue of the Solon Church.

The Maiden of Oracle and the commoners that worships her.

That composition was clearly made.

I hid myself using my camouflage aura and stood in front of Caroline to tell her about Sybil.

I was about to speak to her just like how I did before, but.

[What's the matter?

Eleanor was doubtful when I stood there without saying a word.

I looked at Caroline. I stared at her face intently.

Caroline has her eyes closed as she prayed, but I saw the color of exhaustion in her face.

There were bags under her eyes as if she has not slept for many days.

Eleanor who felt what I was seeing noticed it a moment later.

[It looks like she doesn't have enough sleep]

{It seems so... Caroline}

"Oh God!"

Caroline opened her eyes and displayed happiness.

Her surroundings were stirred at the same time.

They raised a voice of awe because the oracle arrived.

I was planning on telling her about Sybil, but rather than that, her condition bothered me.

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{You, you haven't slept for a while?}
"Yes"
{Why?}
"I didn't want to miss hearing God's voice"
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Caroline showed a smile.

She had a face that looked clearly exhausted, yet she showed a clear and bright smile.

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"It's because I wanted to hear God"

[It means that she was waiting for you]

{Caroline...}

"Yes!"

{Sleep right away}

"Sleep...?"

{Yeah, sleep right away... this is an order}

"Understood. I'll sleep"
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Caroline nodded.

Two middle-aged women immediately rushed to her from the crowd.

The two women showed a mixed expression of worry and relief as they rushed to Caroline.

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"Now now, God has spoken"

"Let's go to sleep okay, Caroline-sama"
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[Hmm. It seems that these two truly worries about her. In opposite to that... kuku]

Eleanor laughed.

Other than the two women who were bringing Caroline to her room, the people of Ainon that gathered here showed disappointed.

I got a bit pissed off.

I was pissed off by these people who are only thinking of themselves, not even worrying about Caroline who looked clearly exhausted.

I ignored them and headed together to Caroline's room.

Caroline's bedroom inside the church.

Caroline was brought there and laid to her bed.

"Please take a good rest"

"Please call us immediately if anything happens"

The two women said and left the room.

Caroline was left alone lying on her bed—but she opened her eyes.

She flickered her eyes as she looked up at the ceiling then closed her eyes again. But she would immediately open them again and stare at the ceiling.

{What's the matter?}

I couldn't help but ask her.

"I can't sleep"

{Can't sleep?}

"Un... I can't help thinking about God..."

{... wait for a moment}

I said, took out my Warp Feather, and warped to my mansion.

The slave soldiers are training in the annex's training grounds. I removed my camouflage aura and approached.

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"Nikki"

"Your Excellency! Is something the matter?"

"Is there anyone who can use sleep magic?"

"Akasha from 8th platoon can"

"Call her"
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Nikki saluted with her heels placed together then ran to call her.

I ordered the slave soldier she brought to use sleep magic on me.

Of course, it didn't work, but this is enough.

I said thanks to Nikki and Akasha then warped once again to Caroline's room.

"God?"

"As your command!"

Caroline woke up and looked at me.

I didn't envelope myself with my camouflage aura so she can see me.

"Just stay put. I'll use sleep magic on you now. You should sleep for a while"

"Yes, I understood... uhm"

"Un?"

"When I wake, will you be there?"

"...yeah"

I nodded and Caroline smiled happily.

I used the sleep magic that I just learned on her.

The effects were clear. Caroline who was exhausted and cannot sleep immediately fell asleep.

[Kukuku, look at this girl, she's completely a maiden in love]

"She doesn't think so though"

[She is only not aware of being in love]

"I guess so"

She's too easy to tell after all.

That's good too, but if this continues, she might break her body.

I need to do something about it.

I remained by her side.

I remained while thinking about what to do. I remained so that I can be there when she woke up as I promised.

Suddenly, it became noisy outside.

The noise passed through the walls and the sleeping Caroline furrowed her eyebrows uncomfortably.

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I silently left the room and headed to where the noise was coming.

As I returned to where Caroline was praying earlier, I encountered the scene of a commotion.

The people who gathered to see the oracle started a commotion because Caroline left.

I picked up voices of different people individually within the commotion, but stopped after hearing three of them.

All of them, they're saying things there wasn't an oracle today as well or this isn't the time for resting.

They were all just complaining.

[Kukuku, the masses are as selfish as usual]

Eleanor playfully said. There were thorns in her words.

I was unpleased just like her.

"Shut up"

That's what all I said.

I did not shout nor raise my voice.

However, that voice echoed inside the church, and.

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The people who were making noises turned silent.

[Kukuku, what an impressive killing intent]

Eleanor became more and more enjoying.

Killing intent, no, I should call it just a mere a threat.

I only pointed the killing intent "I'll kill you if you make some more noise" at them along with my words.

It was super effective. The people who were making a commotion turned pale without exception. Some were even trembling.

I thoroughly pressured them, enough to disable them to speak out any word and become unable even to run away.

After that, I left them and returned to Caroline's room.

I did not remove my killing intent, I did not stop threatening them.

At a diameter of a hundred meters with Caroline in the center, I continued to release my pressure.

Caroline slept peacefully on her bed.

Until the sun set and the next day come.

I made her rest within the cradle of my killing intent.

Chapter 276 A Serious Charade

"Uu... nn"

Caroline who was sleeping peacefully opened her eyes.

She opened her eyes and blankly stared at the ceiling—but it was only for an instant. She jumped out of her bed as if she was triggered by something.

"God!"

She shouted with a desperate voice as she looked around.

"Don't worry, I'm here"

"Ahh! Thank goodness..."

Caroline found me and showed a clear relief.

"Have you slept well?"

"U-Un"

"I see. From now on, you should sleep properly"

"But I want to hear God—"

"Don't worry, I'll be by your side when you wake up. More importantly, you should take care of yourself"

"Un"

Caroline stared straight at me.

She seemed to be waiting for me to talk to her, not saying anything unimportant—at least that's how it seems.

Her eyes looked strong as she looked at me, making me feely rushed without her

saying anything.

[It looks as if a pet dog is waiting for her owner to lead her out for a walk]

Eleanor's whisper made me strangely convinced.

Even a well-trained dog, if their owner shows up with their leash, they would become excited and even bark sometimes.

Caroline's eyes as she stares at me make me feel something similar to that.

It makes me want to answer her expectation.

"There's something I want to tell you. Gather everyone to the chapel" "Un!"

Caroline's eyes were filled with more expectations and she rushed out of the room.

I hid my appearance with my camouflage aura and left the room a moment later to tell her the oracle.

The fact that Caroline woke up and an oracle will be sent immediately spread out, so people gathered within the chapel.

The fact that they were told that there is going to be an oracle, more people gathered compared to yesterday.

I stood in front of Caroline who prayed in the same position as yesterday and waited for a while. After seeing most of the people have gathered, I opened my mouth.

{Caroline}

"God!"

The surroundings were stirred. They were so loud that ordinary voices were turned to mere noises.

However, it was irrelevant to Caroline who can only hear God's/my voice.

I told that Caroline about Sybil, telling her to make the church shelter and aid her.

The woman's story about using her own wealth to educate children from poor villages calls for empathy and immediately gathered respect.

Adding to the fact that she was being noticed by god, the church immediately took actions to shelter her.

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The next day.

After breakfast, I was relaxing in the living room for a while.

I caught Miu and MofuMofu-d her, charging my energy.

"Otou-san"

Hikari and Chibi Dragon entered the living room.

"What's the matter, Hikari"

"Is Otou-san busy today too?"

"I'm planning on going to Caroline today too. She's been working since yesterday, so I'm planning to take a look if there are any results"

"Oh. Can Hikari go too?"

"Of course you can"

I patted Hikari's head.

"It might be necessary to use force if the situation starts to move. In that case, it's reassuring if Hikari is there too"

"Really?"

"Of course"

[I should be enough]

"If it's just you, no matter how strong you get, 99% is the limit. Only when Hikari is there together with you that we can reach 100%"

"Un! Hikari will do her best for Otou-san~!"

"Yeah"

I stroked Hikari's head more dearly.

My beloved daughter is so cute. She's so cute that it makes me want to just stroke her head like this for the whole day.

[Hmph... you should feel fortunate that Hikari's your daughter]

"Of course. If there comes a time that someone describes Hikari as a failure of a daughter, I will throw them to hell and—"

[I didn't mean that... I'm saying that she might've fallen because of that earlier] "n? What are you muttering?"

Normally, there's nothing I would miss with my 777x hearing, but only Eleanor's voice was not affected by hearing, so there are sometimes when I won't hear what she's whispering.

Well, there should be no problem if it's the words Eleanor whispered silently.

She is a good woman too. If it's needed, she'll say it many times enough for me to hear her.

"Ehehe~..."

I continued to stroke Hikari's head until we headed out.



{Missing?}

I warped to Ainon's church and received Caroline's report as she was surrounded by believers just like yesterday.

"Un. Uhm..."

Caroline looked around as if to search for someone, then stopped her gaze at one man.

The man who was Caroline was looking at seemed troubled.

Caroline tilted her head in confusion.

{Tell him to just speak. I'm listening}

"God said that he is listening"

After hearing Caroline, the man started to report.

"Yesterday, we sent people to all of the villages Sybil-san is visiting, but she was missing since three days ago after she left Amphi. They said that usually, she would head to Coza, but the people from Coza thought of it strange since Sybil-san didn't come to Coza"

{Did you investigate between Amphi and Coza?}

"Did you investigate between Amphi and Coza?"

"We are investigating it right now"

I thought for a while.

It's an accident, so it's easy as long as the accident was resolved.

There is only one problem.

That is when Sybil is already dead.

I want to use the accident to raise Caroline's reputation, so I want to bring her and solve the case in front of the believers.

I can solve almost any accident, unless she is already dead.

If by any chance that she's already dead and I brought Caroline, her reputation would drop drastically. In that case, it's better not to bring her.

It's been three days since she was missing.

It depends on how you look at this length of time.

At Chiye's mountain path between Amphi and Coza.

Caroline advanced through the mountain path while being protected by many believers. Her appearance looked similar to that of Carline.

A higher ranked servant of god being protected by ordinary believers. However, their eyes and expressions were filled with strong trust and conviction, as if they would protect her at all cost.

In that sense, Caroline is treading the same path as Melissa.

I was walking far ahead of that group.

After thinking it through, I decided to make Caroline and the believers come.

Instead, I will go far ahead of them, and in the worst case—in other words, if Sybil was dead, I will conceal it with my aura.

[She shouldn't be dead]

"What's your basis for saying that?"

I asked back, hearing Eleanor say that with an asserting tone.

[It's because the one who mentioned this case to you is Rica. I don't believe that that woman would make such a mistake]

"You have a high evaluation for Rica"

[I am not speaking about that. Although I would not say otherwise as well, it is an information given to you by your woman. If so, then one mentioned in the matter must be outstandingly beautiful]

"That's not all, to describe a good woman"

[Rica has her pride as a woman as well]

"Hmm?"

It's difficult to judge what kind of pride was mentioned here.

[I'll say it in a different way. That Sybil must be a woman offered to you to become

yours in bed]

"Well, that might be true"

At that time, Rica didn't say anything, but I think so, judging from what she's doing recently.

Or rather, if that wasn't the case, she might not have mentioned this to me.

[If so, then there is no way she'll let her die. At the very least, she should've done some insurance]

"I see"

While being convinced by Eleanor's words, I fully controlled my senses to search.

I focused on the mountain path, so that I won't miss even the smallest hint.

Suddenly, I heard a faint voice from the side of the mountain path.

I stopped to listen, it was a human voice.

I looked at the direction where I heard the voice. It was the mountain path, the walls made of soil were stretching.

But.

"This part looks new"

[Umu. Look above as well]

[Ah! The wall's fallen]

I looked up as I was told.

And just like Hikari had said, the mountain looked like it was partially collapsed.

"In other words, the wall was collapsed to close in—"

[Something's coming from above!]

"—!!"

I reacted hearing Eleanor's voice and slashed as I unsheathed the Demon Sword.

I slashed, tracing an arc above my head.

Something came flying, it wasn't at the speed of free falling, so I instinctively countered attack using the Demon Sword.

There were also earth and sand among the things that fell. The "enemy" hid itself within those as it attacked.

Eleanor's slash avoided the earth and sand and chopped it into two.

That thing that was chopped into two without even allowing it to scream looked like an ape a size bigger than a mountain gorilla.

"What the heck is this?"

[Who knows?]

[Moz Monkey. It's a monster that attacks humans and animals, buries them alive and preserves them as food]

"You knew that, Hikari?!"

This really surprised me.

[Ehehe~, O-chan told me right now]

"O-chan... Olivia huh"

[Un! Since returning from the "past", I can now stay with O-chan always]

[She is now Hikari's familiar after all]

Eleanor added and I was convinced.

"I see. We found out something new again. In other words, Sybil is buried here alive, preserved as fresh as she could be, and it attacked us so it could do us the same"

[That seems to be the case. I also realized something new]

"What?"

[Because you defeated it on impulse, you can't raise Caroline's reputation anymore] "Mu!"

I couldn't help but furrow my eyebrows. I heard Eleanor's "Kukuku" laugh inside my

head.

Now that she mentioned it.

It was so sudden so I couldn't help myself from defeating it, but that isn't good.

No, it's fine with me defeating it.

But I should've done it when Caroline was around.

I should've done it while she's present, best case scenario, the Moz Monkey attacked her and defeated it while hidden by my camouflage aura, making it seem as if she has god's protection.

That's the best case scenario.

However...

"Damn it, I don't feel the presence of something similar nearby"

[O-chan told me Moz Monkey likes living alone. She told me that that's why it would preserve lots of food]

"Muu..."

I couldn't help but groan.

It's not like there would be any problem if this continues.

I can just give an "oracle" to dig the wall when Caroline passed by here along with the believers.

That is fine too, it is, but.

"After finding out this monster's existence, it makes me feel regrettable"

[It can't be helped. It's spilled milk. You should compromise]

"That's true..."

[Ne~, ne~, Otou-san. O-chan's saying she wants to be of help]

"Olivia is?"

[Un!]

Olivia wants to be of help...?

What does she mean? I don't really get it.

I don't get it, but.

It's Olivia, it's that Olivia.

If so.

"I got it. I'll leave it to you"

[Un!]

After Hikari said that happily, I almost reacted again.

Demon Sword Hikari, a tremendous power flew heading towards the sky from her blade.

I couldn't help but brace myself although I was told beforehand, it was that tremendous of a power.

While I thought what it was, I heard voices and footsteps coming from behind. It's Caroline's group.

I quickly enveloped myself with my camouflage aura along with the Moz Monkey's corpse.

The group's voices gradually approached. Finally, they passed in front of me.

I didn't move as I hid my appearance.

I can't move first, I can only wait for Olivia.

[...look above]

I heard Eleanor's voice once again.

She sounded a lot calmer than the time with the Moz Monkey, but her tone was a few levels more serious.

Something came flying from above. I unsheathed Eleanor and blocked it.

"Huh?!!"

"Kyaaaaa!!"

"What's going on?!!"

The mountain shook and the believers panicked.

The next instant, a dragon fell from the sky and landed.

It was a dragon with red eyes and dark scales, enveloped by an ominous aura.

Evil Dragon.

Those two words appeared in my mind.

Although its appearance looked ominous, I immediately knew that it was Olivia.

It was because her presence felt like it was from Olivia and Hikari added together and divided by two.

"D-Dragon?!"

"Hiiiiiiiiiii!!"

"W-Why in such a place?!"

They panicked. A third of the believers immediately tried to run away.

They can't be blamed. That's how frightening Olivia is right now.

Olivia who had her appearance changed with Hikari's powers. She looked as if her "Terror" stat parameter was maxed.

Within the hand—the claws of Olivia, one human was captured.

It's someone I've never seen before. I realized something and quickly looked at the mountain walls.

That place that seemed like it was gouged out was the place where I heard the groaning voice from earlier.

[She dug her up at the same time as she landed]

[O-chan, she said she'll be the bad guy]

Olivia suddenly grinned—the next instant, she spat out something from her mouth.

The people that Caroline brought with her ran with panic.

I got in between Caroline and Olivia and blocked it away using Eleanor.

{Ku!}

It was heavy, it was unbelievably heavy.

The huge hole was made in mountain walls where I blocked it away shows how strong it was.

That Olivia's attack was enough to make me reminisce her strength when she was a Red Dragon.

On the other hand, thanks to me blocking it.

"I-In front of Caroline-sama..."

"It's a miracle, it's a miracle!"

"God's protection is upon us!"

The believers cheered.

I quickly told Caroline.

{Caroline}

"Yes!"

{There is no need for you to move. Just stand there}

"Yes!"

Caroline made a huge nod.

Although they were not aware of what Caroline and I were talking about, seeing Caroline's expression was enough for the believers to be relieved.

Olivia made a turn and swung her tail.

Her tail that was bigger than my mansion's pillar attacked Caroline.

I stopped it using the Demon Sword, but the shockwaves made the mountain collapse.

She's really not holding back. Olivia is probably serious.

Olivia is attacking seriously.

{... what a good woman}

I became happy and fought against Olivia.

Against Olivia's onslaught, I answered with Eleanor and Hikari, using the full powers of the mother and daughter Demon Swords.

From the side, it must've looked like a strange fight.

The evil dragon is attacking Caroline, its attacks were enough to make the mountain tremble and split the earth, yet all of them would not reach Caroline, as if they were being blocked by a mysterious power.

Caroline placed her hands together and started to pray. Seeing that, the other believers started to pray.

Caroline is being protected by god. That recognition seems to have spread among them.

Seeing that, Olivia's attacks got even more intense.

Olivia is really a good woman. She didn't hold back at all, unleashing attacks that looks even more powerful.

And to block that, I needed to fight her seriously. If I lose my focus even for a second, Olivia might defeat me.

The more Olivia fought seriously the more reputation Caroline gains.

Knowing that, Olivia is attacking seriously without holding back.

And, that is why.

{Let's end it with the next attack. Eleanor, Hikari}

[Umu]

[Un!]

I can't make the fight last longer.

Did she feel my powers soaring? Olivia opened her jaws, filled with sharp fangs, wide enough to swallow Caroline and the rest.

I counterattacked using Eleanor and Hikari with a cross slash.

The instant the evil dragon was about to bit Caroline, its head was blown away in pieces.

A second later, cheers of joy were raised from the believers.

I gently received Sybil from the disappearing (returning inside Hikari) Olivia.

Chapter 277 Completely Dead Laid

I slowly put down Sybil on the ground.

Sybil looks like she is sleeping very peacefully, as if she could wake up anytime.

I don't see her injured anywhere, so with this—

"This is bad, this might be..."

When I was getting relieved, one believer came to Sybil's side.

That believer kneeled down beside her and looked at her face, took her hand and inspected her nails.

"What's the matter, Kurou-san?"

"This, it's Moz Monkey's poison"

It's alright that the man called Kurou checked how Sybil was doing, but the instant he saw the symptoms, he made a panicked expression.

"Moz Monkey?"

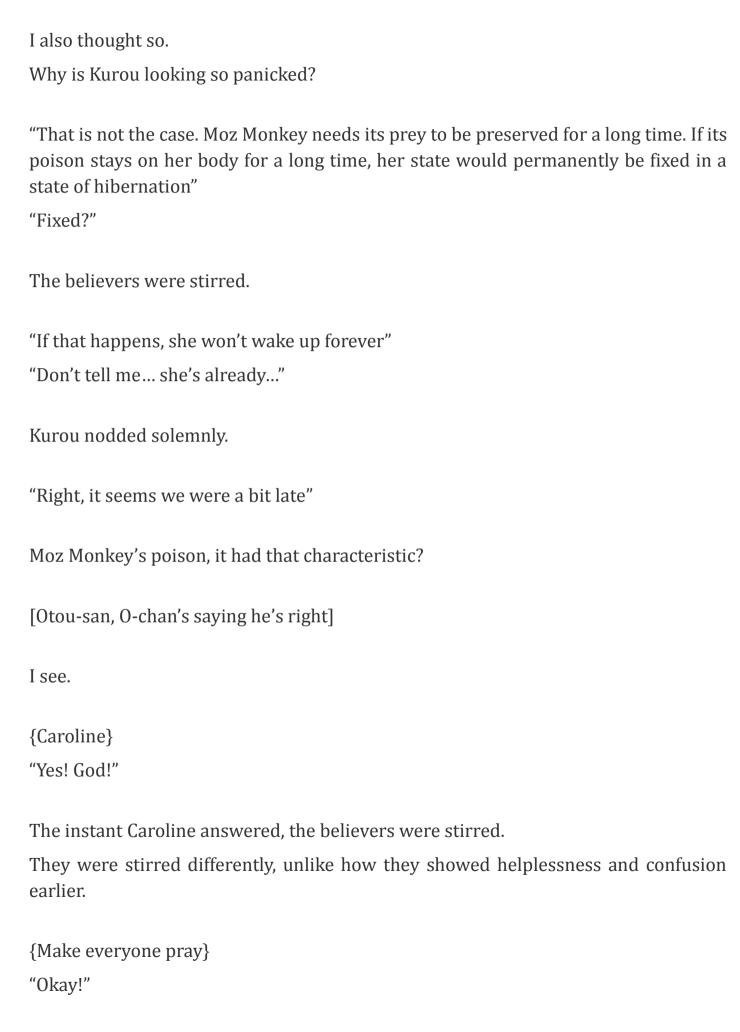
"It's an ape monster. A monster that has the trait of catching its prey alive and inject poison into their body, burying them alive and preserve them. When it injects poison to its prey, the victim will fall into a state just like animals hibernating"

Kurou explained to the believers that don't seem to understand the situation.

"She was poisoned by that monster you're saying?"

"Yeah"

"I see. But it's just paralysis poison, right? After all, it's keeping its prey alive. Shouldn't it be alright now that she's saved?"



Caroline told the believers to pray.

Pray for Sybil. Hearing Caroline, the believers put their hands together at once and prayed.

The Solon Church's believers prayed with Caroline in the center.

And as I was enveloped by my camouflage aura, I took out a magic ball (white) from my Different Dimension Warehouse and used it on Sybil.

It's a cheat item I won from the lottery. A magic ball that heals all kinds of injury. That healing light enveloped Sybil, and finally.

"Uu... nn?"

She opened her eyes while groaning.

Cheers rise.

The oracle that the Child of God Caroline spoke about and God's miracle that they witnessed.

The believers raised their voices of amazement as their reverence for Caroline exponentially rose.



Although I detoxified Sybil using the magic ball, some time has passed since she was captured, so she was sheltered by the Solon Church until she recovers.

Caroline won't come today anymore since I told her to sleep properly, so I returned to my mansion using my Warp Feather.

In my room inside my mansion.

As soon as we arrived, Hikari returned to her human form from her Demon Sword form.

Olivia was also materialized, she was carried by Hikari in her Chibi Dragon form.

I stroked that Hikari's head.

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"You've done a great job Hikari, Olivia too"
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"Ehehe~..."

"Myu~, myu~~"

Chibi Dragon raised lovely cries, looking up at me while waving her tail.

"Otou-san, pat O-chan too"

"Olivia doesn't need it"

"Ehhh?! Why"

"Olivia really did great, so she would have a greater reward. Hikari, can you return Olivia to her human form?"

"—I see! Un, I got it~!"

Hikari seemed to be convinced. She put down Olivia on the ground and "Mumumumu~", she charged her powers while taking a cute pose.

Soon after, Chibi Dragon's body was enveloped by light, turning her back to her dragonkin form.

"I did it~"

"Good job, Hikari. I'll be giving Olivia her reward now, so Hikari should go play somewhere"

"Un! See ya, O-chan~. Do your best~"

"Un"

After innocently cheering on Olivia, Hikari trotted out of the bedroom.

Olivia was left in my bedroom alone with me. She stared at me, looking upwards.

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But she did not say anything.

The Dragon King Olivia, the king of the dragons who possess deep wisdom.

Although her appearance when she's in her dragon form is full of dignity and might.

During these times, when she is just my woman, she would seem like a dog waiting for her master.

The loyal dog Olivia. She's a dragon, but she's as cute as a puppy.

That Olivia seems to become more and more lovable, but when I was thinking on how to cherish her.

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There was a knock on the door.

"Enter"

"Please excuse me... Ah...!"

The one who entered was Colaria in her maid uniform.

She's a maid that Rica left in my mansion. She's currently learning many things from Miu in my mansion.

She froze as soon as she entered my room.

"What's the matter?"

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"Oi~, what's the matter, Colaria"

"—Ah! Yes, please excuse me. Miu-san told me to prepare the bed"

"As expected of Miu, she noticed huh. That's fine, but why are you staring at Olivia right now?"

"That is... um..."

"Un?"

"The village I grew up as a child worships the Dragon God, so I couldn't help but feel nervous seeing the real Dragon God in front of me..."

"Dragon God?"

I tilted my head and looked at Olivia.

"I was being worshipped like that... human girl"

"Y-Yeash!"

Colaria flinched when Olivia talked to her.

I knew what just happened. The air Olivia had around her changed.

From the loyal dog Olivia who was wagging her tail, to the imposing Dragon King Olivia.

"I have watched human girl for a long time. It must also be fate for us to meet like this, so I shall give you one advice"

"W-W-W-W-What is it?"

"You seem to have learned everything you can from that beastkin girl, you should start thinking what is next after learning"

"N-Next after learning? What does that mean?"

"It is what the two humans who sent you to this mansion wishes"

"Ah...!"

Colaria glanced at me, then looked away with a red face.

"Understood?"

"Yes!"

After Colaria nodded clearly to Olivia, she skilfully arranged the bed and left the bedroom.

We were left by ourselves. When there was only the two of us left, Olivia returned to her loyal dog mode again.

Just where did her imposing manner from earlier go? She's now wagging her tail, staring at me with sparkling eyes.

It was such a huge gap... making her look even more lovelier.

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"Olivia"
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"Un!"

I pulled her into an embrace and gave her first a kiss.

After sucking her lips strongly, I said to her as her eyes turned feverish.

"Don't do anything"

"D-Don't...?"

"That's right. Don't do anything. You've used a lot of your powers, so you can't stay in your human form for long right?"

"That is..."

"That's why, don't do anything. Just think of staying in your human form."

"Just focus..."

"The longer you can stay, that's how long I'll love you"

"—Un!"

Olivia looked doubtful and confused for an instant after hearing my order, but the sparkle in her eyes returned as soon as she understood my intent.

After that, she completely relaxed her body.

While she was in her most comfortable position, with her body completely relaxed.

I carried her into my bed.

And made love with her for the whole night.

Chapter 278 Rica's Trap

The morning light shone on my closed eyes.

In my morning daze, I feel someone's weight on top of me.

Is it Olivia? I thought for an instant, but it was too light for Olivia.

Then who...? I thought, but I still couldn't think properly.

It's fine whoever it is, I should wake her up with a kiss first in the morning—

"0w!"

Suddenly, I felt a sharp pain, as if my head was about to break.

The pain wasn't coming from outside but from the inside.

The intense pain made my mind clear instantly.

"Good morning~, Otou-san~"

A different thing made my mind clear.

It was Hikari who was on top of me.

Just like as she usually does, the world's cutest Hikari is lying on top of me.

"What's happened, Otou-san? Sleepy~?"

"N-No, I'm fine"

An uncomfortable sweat ran on my back.

The thing that I was about to do gave me cold sweat.

[You should be grateful of me]

I heard Eleanor's exasperated voice.

It was a bit too shocking, but she really saved me there.

While saying thanks to Eleanor, I looked at Hikari once again.

Hikari is showing her innocent and lovely smile as she sat on me, and as I expected Olivia—Chibi Dragon was beside her.

"She returned to Chibi Dragon huh"

"Un. I'm sorry, Otou-san. Hikari didn't do her best, so O-chan can't spend the first hour of the morning..."

"Don't mind it, Hikari. You should just grow at your own pace"

I reached out my hand and patted Hikari's head.

Feeling her head nodded, Hikari got rid of her sad expression and smiled.

Hikari, she's really the cutest in the world.

"Ah! Right. O-chan has a message"

"Message?"

"Myu~, myuu~"

Chibi Dragon cried.

A message although she's right there, huh.

"It was fun yesterday"

"That's the first self-declaration I heard from her!"

[This damn dragon, what is she making Hikari say]

"Myu~, myuu~"

"That tickles~, O-chan. Un, you're welcome"

Hikari and Chibi Dragon started to bond with each other while they're in top of me. Just watching my beloved daughter and her buddy play makes me feel warm inside. It was a wonderful sight that made me feel that today will be a good day.

I enveloped myself with my camouflage aura, and warped to Ainon's church with Hikari in her Demon Sword form.

As soon as I arrived, I almost bumped into someone making me dodge in a hurry.

Looking around, there seems to be a commotion inside the church. The believers seem to be agitated, and scrambling around.

Within all of them, Caroline seemed to be praying without a care at all.

It was already a familiar sight. The others didn't look bothered by it as well.

The scrambling believers and the calm Caroline. Only the space around her seemed to be a different place.

However, what is happening? I thought. So I listened to the conversations of the believers around me.

"How did it go? Did you find her?"

"No, she wasn't in the south of the town"

"How about you?"

"She also wasn't in the place we caught her before"

"Damn... where in the world did she go?"

[It looks like someone disappeared]

[Who is it? Carol-oneechan is over there, so...]

We were full of questions, but we immediately found out.

"Anyways, let's search for her. It is an oracle given by Solon-sama to Caroline-sama. We cannot leave that person that Caroline-sama saved alone"

"Yeah"

"Alright!"

I could tell myself that my eyebrow twitched.

What they're talking about... don't tell me...

[It seems that woman named Sybil has run away] [Ehhhh?!]

I continued to listen to the believers' conversations for a while.

It looks like Sybil went missing.

After bringing her back to town, Sybil who was sheltered by the church disappeared as soon as she woke up.

On top of that, it wasn't only for once. They're saying that it's the second time now.

She's the woman that was saved after receiving an oracle from god, so the believers are desperately searching for her.

I silently left the church.

After taking enough distance where Caroline won't hear me, I removed my camouflage aura.

"Why is she running away?"

[Who knows. More importantly, what now?]

"Let's search for her. I can't leave her alone like this"

[But how?]

"That, I only need to heighten my hearing"

[Ne~, ne~, Otou-san. Maybe Hikari can tell]

"What do you mean, Hikari"

[0-chan told me~. She said that "it's easier to trace her using my magic powers"]

"Olivia's magic powers?"

"What does she mean?", I looked at Hikari in her Demon Sword form.

Hikari is a Demon Sword and Olivia, her familiar, is currently inside her.

[Un. O-chan said that there should be remnant magic powers when we found Sybil-

oneechan. Hikari thinks she knows how to use it if it's O-chan's magic powers] "Is that so?"

I looked at Eleanor this time.

[Umu. She should be able to. Not to mention magic powers, as long as she gets more familiar with her, Hikari should be able to tell even what she's saying. I can hear even now that Sandros is cursing at me]

"Kuku", Eleanor laughed.

I see. They're related in that way huh, the Demon Sword and its familiar.

Hmm, huh?

Something's just bothering me with that now...

[Ne~, ne~, Otou-san. Can Hikari search now?]

I was about to give it a thought, but my thoughts were interrupted by Hikari's voice.

Hearing Hikari asking for something makes me want to grant it whatever it is, and even more since it's something needed to be done.

[This doting parent]

I completely ignored Eleanor's teasing and placed my hand on Hikari's hilt.

"I'm counting on you, Hikari"

[Un! Mumumumu~...]

Hikari braced her self and after a while.

[I found her~!]

Hikari exclaimed. She sounded so cute.

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"You know where she is?"
[Un! I'll teach Otou-san where okay~]
"Teach me...? Ohh, whereabouts are appearing inside my head"
[Get it~?]
"It's perfect. Good job Hikari"
[Ehehe~...]
I stroked Hikari's hilt and walked to the place that was directly sent to my head.
From the crowded streets, I entered the back alley and took many turns.
I found Sybil there.
She seems to be completely exhausted. She was sitting on the ground while resting
her back on a building's wall.
"You're here"
"Ah...!"
Sybil quickly stood up and tried to run.
She clearly looked unwell, her steps unsteady as if she would collapse anytime.
I caught up to her just by simply walking and grabbed her arm.
"Let go, please let go—"
"Calm down. I'm not from the church"
"-eh?"
"I won't bring you back to them, so don't worry"
"...You're lying. Why would someone who isn't from the church knows about me and
them"
That's reasonable.
"That is—"
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"I heard a voice over here!"
"It's a woman's voice!"
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Sybil swallowed her breath while her body stiffened.
The instant when I was about to make up an excuse that would make her convinced,
it looks like those guys from the church found this place.
It's fine handing her over to them, but... that way, she would just run away.
"Yosh"
I released my camouflage aura and enveloped myself along with Sybil.
"W-We need to leave... let go of my hand, please"
"It's okay"
"It's not okay. The people from the church are—ahh!"
Sybil raised a scream-like voice.
It's because the church's believers appeared from the corner.
"We're found", she looked down in resignation while her body got even tenser.
"She's not here"
"I heard her voice over here. She might've escaped through there"
The believers said and ran away passing in front of us.
"...huh?"
Sybil was surprised. She looked like she can't understand what just happened.
"W-What just happened?"
"I hid our appearance using something like magic"
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"Magic..."

We sat down together in the back alley while enveloped by my camouflage aura. I made Sybil sit down first because she really looks like she'll collapse anytime.

"Uhm... thank you, very much"

"It's nothing. More importantly, why are you running away from the church?"

"...it's not like I'm running away from them"

After staring at me for a while, Sybil said. Did she think that she could trust me even for a little?

"But, I really need to return as soon as possible"

"Return?"

"Yes, everyone is waiting for me. I need to go back to where the children are and teach them"

"It's not something to hurry—"

"It is! The time during their childhood is more important than after when they grow up. I cannot waste time for those children who wish to learn!"

Sybil exclaimed.

It's not like I can't understand what she's saying, but...

"Rather than that, why are you doing it by yourself? I heard that you are using your own wealth to do that"

"...it's that"

"That?"

What does she mean?

"My situation, it's started to go around in rumors right"

"Ahh, rather than rumor's it's—"

"I know, I know that this isn't something that can be done by an individual. I've been wanting to ask Her Majesty the Queen about it a few years now, but I would be rejected by her aides, unable to borrow Her Majesty the Queen's ears"

[It should be the time when those eunuchs were around]

"I see, you were completely obstructed by them huh"

"Yes, that's why I can only do it myself. And now that there are rumors about this weird person using her wealth to teach in villagers, that rumor might someday reach Her Majesty the Queen's ears, it might be better than using the orthodox method"

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"I see"
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"If someday, Her Majesty could lend her ear..."

"I'll make her"

"Eh?"

Sybil was surprised. I stood up and placed a hand on her shoulder while she looked at me questioningly.

I opened my Different Dimension Warehouse, took out my Warp Feather, and warped to the palace in Meteora.

Instantly, from the dirty back alley, we arrived at a luxurious room almost equal to paradise on earth.

It's the queen's room.

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"T-This place is?"
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"Hey~, Rica"

"Eh?"

Sybil was surprised once again. I just left her there and headed to the center of the room where Rica is sitting with a table in front of her.

She was looking through papers stacked up in front of her, looking like she's in the middle of a decision.

"You came"

"I did. I brought her with me while I'm at it"

I pointed at Sybil who looked dumbfounded.

Rica stood up and walked towards Sybil.

"You are?"

"M-Me?! Ahh!!"

Sybil screamed and quickly stood up.

She hurriedly fixed her posture and named herself to Rica.

"I am Sybil Crass. T-There is something I wish Her Majesty the Queen to listen to"
"Is that so"

Rica looked at Sybil. She then looked at me, then returned her eyes to Sybil again.

"Although I do not understand what is going on, you are someone brought to me by Lord Yuuki. I shall bear listen to you"

"I-It is my greatest honor!"

Sybil quickly bowed her head.

After she finished bowing, Sybil's face as she looked at me was full of gratitude.

"She got me"

[Hoe~?]

[The way she did it is really befitting of the master of the Rose Garden]

Eleanor laughed mischievously.

Rica expected that this would happen, doing it in a way that Sybil would direct her thankfulness to me.

Rica, the master of the Rose Garden.

A woman who made her own harem, doing many things to make it as mine.

Chapter 279 The Queen of the World

"If possible, I want all of the children taught to read and write, and how to use simple math"

Sybil said nervously in front of Queen Rica.

Her voice is slightly high pitch, and her face is stiff.

On the other hand, Rica showed a strong dignity. She's in her queen style that gives a lot of pressure.

"Why?"

"Eh?"

"Why do you plan such a thing?"

"P-Please forgive me for my rudeness. Does Her Majesty know the situation of farm villages? There would be announcements, but there is the need for those of the few people who can read and write to explain what is said to all of the villagers. In the worst places, there would not even be one who could do so. It is common for them to wait for travelers to understand anything"

"Is that bad?"

Rica asked back. Her face looked like she's acting dumb.

"The decree of the kingdom shall not be spread thoroughly. Not to mention those of which possess high urgency, if there are only a few people who could read, the details of the official notices shall become obscure the more it passes on to other people except for the ones who could actually read it. As the information is passed from a person to another, the true meaning will gradually be lost"

Sybil passionately spoke about the reason why she wants to spread education, teach everyone how to read and write.

She was nervous at first, but she gradually relieved herself of that tension, until her tone towards Rica became vigorous.

[She seems very enthusiastic]

"If she isn't, then she probably couldn't have done what she did. Things like using her own wealth and roaming around many villages"

[Studying, it's important after all~]

Her speech continued for almost an hour.

After that, Rica who was listening to her quietly said.

"I understand the gist of what you are trying to say. It is, however, difficult"

"W-Why is that?"

"Manpower, and boxes"

Rica raised two of her fingers in a graceful way.

"The reason you were driven to use your own wealth was to acquire a place to teach the children. And the reason why you were forced to roam around yourself is because there were too few people who are able to teach"

"Yes..."

"It is not simple to resolve such difficulty"

"I-If it is Her Majesty's powers!"

Sybil shouted, but Rica remained unperturbed.

"A sovereign is not a god. There is a limit to one's authority in giving commands to all nobles"

"...... such distinguished people do not wish to cast off their monopoly of knowledge"

"Correct. The higher the rank of a noble, the more they believe that knowledge is wealth"

Sybil was dejected by Rica's answer.

She looked as if she just realized that it was useless, even if she directly appealed to Calamba's queen.

"Lord Yuuki"

"Mn?"

"What do you think?"

"About the nobles? It should work out somehow, if you really forced an order to them"

"Umu, it needs one to have a resolve to see it through no matter the results once it began. If only there were another way"

"Now that you've mentioned it..."

I recalled something.

Speaking of schools in the feudal era, as a Japanese, I could only think of that.

"There is something called a temple school"

"Temple school?"

"Yeah. It's an institution that teaches children how to read and write just like what she said. Its name was coined because they are situated in temples, with monks who can read scriptures as teachers"

"Monks and scriptures"

"Over here, I think it's the Solon Church"

"I see, that reminds me, the Solon Church have built their churches in many places. In recent years, their activities have even spread thanks to the endeavors of Saint Melissa"

"The church..."

Sybil whispered with a stunned expression.

She looked like she had never thought of that.

Just like temple schools, if she was able to make use of churches, the problem with the location and manpower could be solved.

"However, it must be even more complicated with the church. After all, they would not take actions. Well, unless it is an oracle from god"

"Yes..."

Sybil became even more crestfallen.

I hesitated whether to interrupt.

I can't understand Rica's intent at all.

Although I can make up "god's voice" through Caroline, it is strange for me to tell Sybil it'll be guaranteed.

Having said that, if it was only taking action, Rica could've just act me to do it. There wasn't any need to take Sybil here like this.

I couldn't read her intent at that part, so I could only watch for some more.

"It is not that, there is no other way"

"What is it?!"

Sybil quickly asked back to Rica.

"The Child of God. Do you know the rumors about her?"

"N-No..."

"A girl who suddenly descended into the Solon Church. A true child of god who can hear god's voice. No, it is said that she can speak with god"

"S-Such a person exists?!"

"She is very particular and it is difficult to even have a talk with her, but if your voice reaches god, then maybe..."

"W-Where is that Child of God?"

"Her name is Caroline and she is in Ainon"

"Ehhhhhhh?!"

Sybil raised her voice as if to scream

"Ainon...? Then, the one who saved me..."

"Do you already have a connection with her?"

"I-It is not something exaggerated as a connection. I just had my life saved"

"That should be enough"

"Ainon... the Child of God..."

Sybil's eyes changed as she whispered.

They looked as if they were brimming with the intent saying "I'll definitely get her to listen!".



After that, Sybil collapsed again.

It looks like she was still fatigued, so after exhausting herself in trying to convince Rica, she finally collapsed.

Leaving her to rest, I was left alone with Rica.

In the audience chamber, Rica sat on the throne.

Compared to when she was talking to Sybil, her expression and tone returned to a feminine one.

"What are you planning?"

"I thought of it when Kakeru brought the Child of God here. I thought that I could use her"

"You're planning to spread education to the whole kingdom?"

"It's to the whole world"

Rica said without hesitation.

"What I spoke with her isn't a lie. I am bothered that knowledge is being monopolized by only some people. In recent years, business activities have been thriving and the demand for reading and writing documents has increased. However, that is only an oligopoly by nobles and merchants. Most people do not have the means to learn"

"That's why the Solon Church huh"

"That's right. If they use teaching people how to read and write as a bait, the speed that they accumulate believers will increase exponentially compared to now. And for the Solon Church, it is something that does not have any demerits. However, even now, they still do not do so. Not only that, they are even allowing their Saintess to do physical labor"

[Physical labor huh, that simply describe what that Immortal Saintess is doing]

"That's why I decided to get the church involved. No matter how you think of it, increasing the chances of learning would increase the power of the kingdom as a result. The people can be saved from the prison of being uneducated"

"I see"

"And, all of that is me as a queen"

"Mn?"

"What do you mean", I looked at her again. Rica is smiling gracefully on her throne.

"I gave it a thought, and realized that the "good women" that Kakeru speaks about, it would not show without a certain level of education. By using Sybil to get Solon Church involved, making education spread throughout the world, I'll be able to find even more "good women" that Kakeru would like. That is me as the "Master of the Rose Garden"

It made me feel awed, it really did.

Within my women, Rica is the most active when it comes to pushing other women onto me.

She gathered good women from all over her kingdom calling it the queen's harem, and now, she is making the Rose Garden that is essentially mine grow even further. She wants it to spread all over the world.

I was awed by the scale.

[For the moment, she should be the Child of God of Kakeru Church]

Eleanor teased. However, it was exactly like that.

The level of what Rica is doing is already that far.

"If I make the Child of God do it, their believers would grow exponentially, making her the next pope—Kakeru?"

Rica looked surprised. It's because I didn't say anything, yet I carried her to an embrace.

I picked up the queen from her throne, slowly went towards the door, and go out into a wide corridor.

The soldiers nor the servants didn't stop us. Rica herself isn't even trying to hide it, so everyone in the palace knows who is the real ruler.

I advanced through the corridor while carrying her.

Rica immediately understood what I wanted to do.

"Hey, Kakeru. There's this girl that is doing her best recently. Although she's cold, she is really talented, and she really considers the mind of the people, so Kakeru—"

"It's only you today"

"-eh?"

"Queen on a world scale. I only want you for today"

I said as I stared straight into her eyes.

"Kakeru..."

Her feverish eyes, her aroused gasps, and suffocating sweet scent

I brought her to her bedroom, and just like how I did it with Olivia, I took my time without letting her feel any strain. I used the whole night to cherish her lovingly.

Chapter 280 Temple School System

"Ah...! This is the place yesterday..."

After we warped, Sybil looked around with a surprised expression.

The place we are right now is the dirty back alley we were in before I brought her to Meteora.

It's exactly the same place.

"You... who are you really..."

"Don't worry about that. More importantly, go to the church. You should achieve your ideals there"

"Y-Yes!"

Sybil quickly ran, but she suddenly stopped and looked towards my direction.

"Uhm, thank you very much!"

She bowed her head deeply with her hands together.

I saw her off like that.

[Was it alright, leaving her like this]

"Un?"

[I'm asking if it's alright for you not making love with her. You liked her right?]

"Maybe someday. She's currently occupied by her ideals, so she probably doesn't have time for that"

[I see]

"Rather than that, let's go ahead of her. I should talk with Caroline first"

I enveloped myself with my camouflage aura to turn myself invisible and warped to the church.

The atmosphere in the church seemed somewhat heavy.

Other than Caroline, all of the believers present there had a depressing look.

[It's probably because they couldn't find Sybil]

I guessed so.

"If that's the case...", I thought and left the believers alone. I talked to Caroline.

{Caroline}

"God!"

Caroline's reaction stirred the believers.

{Sybil shall return soon, listen to what she says}

"Understood. She's returning huh"

The believers got even more stirred.

Soon after, the church's door opened.

Sybil appeared seemingly out of breath.

Caroline who heard my words stood up and worked towards Sybil.

"You are... the Child of God..."

"Let me listen to you"

There was no preface or anything, it can be described imply as just being sudden.

As she was told, Caroline immediately started "listening" to Sybil.

Sybil started to speak while out of breath.

She explained everything, about the children needing education, and what is needed

to do that.

Caroline listened to her without any expression.

[She's probably thinking child education doesn't matter really matter]

"Kukuku", Eleanor laughed.

On the other side, the other believers had skeptical looks.

"What does that have anything to do with us" was written on their faces.

Caroline did not say anything from start to end. She simply listened to her without even returning a reply.

"U-Uhm..."

"Are you finished?"

"Eh?"

"Are you finished?"

"U-Un..."

"I see"

Caroline turned around and returned to her usual place.

"Uhm... Child of God?"

""

Ignoring the surprised Sybil, Caroline returned to her previous place.

[You only told her to listen after all]

"I see." I thought after hearing Eleanor.

It would be better if Caroline voluntarily judged that she should accept Sybil's suggestion, but I guess it can't be helped.

{Caroline}

"Yes. God"

{You have listened to her plea. You should lend her a hand}

"Okay. What should I do?"

{Repeat my words so that the others could hear. Firstly—}

I explained the temple teaching system and used Caroline's voice to spread it to the other believers.

The church would be used as a place to teach children how to read and write.

Believers would go and teach to places where there are no churches.

I explained that briefly.

Soon after, there were voices raised among the believers.

"It's fine teaching children in the churches, but going to villages that do not have a church is..."

"We have no resources to..."

"But it's an oracle from God... we need to do something"

{Do not worry Caroline. There will be a donation from nobles from Calamba soon}

"There will be donations from nobles"

The believers were stirred. Some of them started saying that it would be possible in that case.

I glanced at Sybil.

She was the initiator, but she was completely left out. However, is it because she understands the situation? Her eyes and expression were filled with hope.

This should be enough for the oracle part.

The only thing left to do is for a noble (me) to donate. I could just leave it all to the church's connections.

"This should be enough"—but when I was thinking of that.

"You were here huh"

Three delinquents entered the church arrogantly.

Most of the people inside the church—the believers looked at them like "who?", but Sybil was an exception. Her face looks stiff.

"We've been searchin' for ya Sybil-san, hmm? It's useless even if you run to the church" "Lil missy, the games over ya get it?"

"Someone's gettin' annoyed if you do that ya know? We told ya this lotta times"

Although they spoke in a friendly tone, anyone could see that they were threatening her.

Sybil looked frightened, she was even trembling.

"Y-You can't. The children—"

"Hmmm?? What did ya just say?"

One man approached and kicked a chair near her. It's a classic way to threat someone. Sybil flinched and shrank.

I did not say anything and shot Eleanor's dark lightning.

The dark lightning fell to the three men, instantly turning them into burnt ashes.

Everyone was stunned by what just happened. That includes all of the believers and Sybil.

There was only one who reacted.

"That was... God"

It's Caroline.

A girl who possesses a peculiar constitution, being able to hear me even while I'm enveloped by my camouflage aura.

"It was God?"

"That means—it must be divine punishment"

"Now that you mentioned it, it was different from ordinary lightning"

The believers were even more stirred.

Just as planned.

I shot lightning and didn't use Eleanor to slash directly at them because it makes it look more like a divine punishment.

As expected, the believers recognized it as a divine punishment.



The developments were quick after that.

With the oracle heard from the Child of God, the Solon Church started to teach children how to read and write starting from the town of Ainon.

Some powers—the wealthy people holding vested interests resisted, but the believers who were taking action in god's words could not be stopped.

Some of them even tried to pressure the upper echelons of the church, but as a result of teaching people how to read and write in places where churches do not exist, not only the children who were being taught who were filled with hope, even their parents were looking forward to the future. The cases of whole families would convert into the religion occurred at a large scale, so the influence of the Solon Church had spread even to places their teachings did not reach before.

Because of that, the upper echelons of the church lost any reason to stop what was happening, and as all of that happened, even churches from other towns, unrelated to Caroline or the town of Ainon, started doing the same actions.

The church schools that made advantage of the church—the temple teaching system spread at an unbelievable momentum throughout the world.

During all of that.

The pope silently rested in peace.

The actions to gain the position of the next pope began to become heated.

Chapter 281 The Love of God

The moonlight that passes through the window shines on Helene on top of the bed.

The corner of her lips was slightly raised as she laid on her side. Her eyes that was gently closed made me receive a tender impression.

Helene smiled as if she had obtained all happiness she could in this world and whispered in her sleep.

"Kakeru-sama..."

Seeing that, I kissed her on the cheek, and after pulling the blanket up to her shoulder, I gave her another kiss.

I got off the bed and went to the veranda after wearing my clothes.

I looked up at the sky full of stars with the moon brightly shining at its fullest.

[What's the matter?]

"Mn?"

I suddenly heard Eleanor's voice. I tilted my head and asked back.

"What do you mean what's the matter"

[You look like you haven't had enough]

"...haven't had enough? Of what?"

[Do you really think you can hide it from me? Mm? The current you... let me see... I should describe you as a balloon that is about to pop]

"…"

I fell into silence.

Although I was annoyed how Eleanor found out about it, she got it right.

I haven't had enough. That's right, it's not enough at all.

I was making love with Helene just a moment ago.

She is a good woman. One of the most beautiful in this world, but that's not all. She is a woman who does not have an ounce of arrogance despite being talented and having a high stature.

Such a great woman was warming my bed just a moment ago.

But, it's not enough.

I haven't done enough or got done enough at all.

And Eleanor could see that.

[The original reason you decided to create a harem is to not break your own women because of your 777x libido. Considering that, it could be said that you have endured for long enough]

"It's not like it's to the extent of enduring. There are Olivia and Melissa as well. There are plenty of good women around me. It is enou—"

[And? In truth?]

"...can you at least let me put on a bold front"

I cursed at Eleanor.

Although it's just all talk, I couldn't bear Eleanor pointing it out.

[Maybe you should call another. Or would you like me to accompany you?]

"It's a bit different today. I don't believe it can be relieved if I use you to hit things around. Although it's about getting excited all the same, there are times where I would need to do this one thing"

[Humans are such difficult existences]

"Hearing that from you, it really doesn't sound like a joke"

[You should consider going out for a walk?]

"...alright"

I opened my Different Dimension Warehouse and took out my Warp Feather.

The walk that Eleanor is talking about is of course, not in a literal way.

She means, go find a woman to sleep with.

I warped using the Warp Feather.

To Miu's place, to Nana's place, to Io's place, to Iris's place...

I warped one next to the other in the order of the nearest woman to my mansion.

The timing wasn't great for everyone.

They would be not somewhere they would usually be, awake this late training, or working.

It can't be helped for the once who are not around. For those who are doing something, I didn't bother them and left silently.

I don't want to be on their way.

I don't want to get on the way of my good women for what they're doing.

[Getting stubborn?]

"I'm not. I just feel that it's a waste peeling the fruit open when they're not ripe yet"

I don't know whether that's a good way to say it, but it's what I truly feel.

The good women are becoming even more of a good woman. I don't like getting on their way during that.

Even if it's just like tonight when I'm feeling so aroused.

[You've completely become a gourmet]

"I won't deny that"

[When it comes to this, you should go and rent a whole brothel]

"That may be the easiest way"

While chatting with Eleanor, I warped to places one next to the other. In the end, I came to Ainon.

Inside the Ainon's church, Caroline is offering her prayers under the moonlight.

But that's not all. There are also other believers.

Looking closely, they were all women wearing religious habits. Church schools are being opened in many places, so the men are out to teach.

Compared to Caroline who was silently praying, the other women were casually chatting.

"How envious~, I want to hear God's voice too~"

"Hey~, how do you think God's voice sound?"

"It should sound absolutely amazing. It's God's voice after all"

"Even so, she's so enviable. All of us have offered our purity to god. But we still can't hear him"

"Well, of course you can't, since you're not even praying as much as the Child of God. Look at her"

The women looked at Caroline at once.

She even looks divine as she was praying silently.

"You need to pray that much"

"I-I... if God can really notice me, I'll do that much..."

"Duh, all of us would if it was possible"

"I second that"

"Me too, me too"

"I didn't mean that, I'm saying that the Child of God would still be like that even if she couldn't"

All of them looked at Caroline once again and sighed at once.

[Kukuku, isn't this such a good opportunity?]

Eh?

[First and foremost, nuns are women who protect their chastity because they have devoted themselves to their god. Taking that into account, all of these women belong to god]

Eleanor emphasized "god".

God.

During the recent series of events, I played as a god through Caroline.

The "god" Eleanor is talking about is definitely me.

She's telling me to douse these flames that I'm feeling using these nuns.

I look at the women.

Although all of them aren't speaking, with a glance, I could tell that there's twenty of them who are participating in the discussion.

There are cute ones, beautiful ones, strong-minded ones, and shy ones.

There were many types.

{... Caroline}

"God!"

{Tell everyone. I shall take all of those who are present at this moment away}

"Okay"

Caroline told the nuns my words.

Some of them clearly showed eyes full of "expectations" because of god's words came soon after "what" they spoke about.

I took the girls away, warping using my Warp Feather.

We arrived at the Rose Garden. A place that Rica prepared and told me I could use it anytime I want.

It's a place where no one would get on the way. A place seemingly separated from the secular world.

In that place, I used a whole day.

As I hid my appearance with my aura.

I slept with twenty faithful nuns as if to test their faith.

Chapter 282 Rose and Lily

In Meteora's palace, in the Rose Garden.

The Rose Garden is named with two meanings.

One is well-known. It is Queen Rica's harem's other name.

And the other one was literally where the name came from, a garden of roses.

Glass surrounds the whole garden and within that giant glass box, you could see blooming roses of various colors.

I am sitting in the pavilion within that garden as Rica leaned her body to mine.

She did not show her air as a queen, she leaned her body to me with the air of a bewitching woman.

Both of us are wearing clothes. From the side, we probably look like a flirting couple.

"Sorry for that, coming so suddenly to borrow a room"

"It's okay. I told you, right? This is Kakeru's harem. But I was surprised"

Rica giggled. She is wearing a pleasant smile.

"I was surprised when I came to take a look. It was an unbelievable sight even though I couldn't see Kakeru's appearance. It's as if they're being played by an invisible man"

"It's supposed to be "by the grace of god" after all"

"It was fun watching though after I calmed down"

"It was probably a surreal scene"

I could see myself, so I could see myself sleeping with the nuns as usual, but it probably looked different for other people.

It's exactly like Rica said, as if an invisible man was playing tricks on them. I could easily imagine how surreal it was.

"If people continue to believe the Child of God's oracle just like that, it's not impossible for her to become the pope"

"I wonder how it would actually go. Though I think she has a good chance"

"Let me see..."

Rica thought for a second and raised her right hand.

She raised to finger and made a pulling gesture. Soon after, a young girl entered the Rose Garden.

"Did you call for me, Onee-sama"

"Onee-sama?"

"Her stature is a bit special. Alice, introduce yourself to Kakeru"

"Yes. It is an honor to meet you, Kakeru-sama. My name is Alice Annis"

"Alice huh"

[Hou]

"What's the matter Eleanor? Why'd you suddenly speak?"

When I asked her that, I could feel Eleanor rolling her eyes.

[Of course I know. I know that you do not remember anything]

"Don't remember?"

I looked at Alice.

She has a chestnut-colored wavy hair and has a beauty that could be described as young yet strict.

She's definitely a beautiful girl, one that I'd never forget if I met her once.

"I've never met her before"

[Annis]

"Annis?"

[See. You don't remember after all]

But when I was tilting my head like "what do you mean?" about what Eleanor said.

"Therios, Annis, Gate. Those are the names of the three noble families that tried to carry out the Three Lords Regency in Aegina"

"Now that you mentioned it, that happened"

It means that it's a man's name. No wonder I can't remember anything.

"...since she has the name Annis"

"Yes, when Duke Annis came to ask for help, I took Alice in return to giving some assistance"

"I see"

A hostage huh.

I looked at Alice once again.

Her nature is similar to that of Colaria, the type that Rica likes.

I understood that she is also one of the roses.

"Alice. Report to Kakeru what I made you investigate"

"Understood. I shall start to report, Kakeru-sama"

Alice looked at me, she even adjusted her posture so that she would be looking straight at me.

I thought that she's a diligent girl.

"I surveyed the approval rating of the Solon Church believers for the next candidate to be the pope within this kingdom"

"You made her investigate that?"

"I thought that it might be necessary"

"The one on the top is the God of Child, with a high rating of 50%. Next is the Immortal Saint Melissa with 20%. And next would be—"

I listened to Alice's report.

Caroline is in an overwhelming advantage and following her is Melissa. There were others, but you could say that they aren't much at all.

"The approval rate for Caroline is overwhelming for those who are married, and oppositely, for those who are single—especially men, Melissa's ratings have reached 40%"

"Those who are being helped by the schools are those people who have children after all"

"What about the other four kingdoms?"

Rica asked Alice.

"The ones who went to survey has yet to return. They should be able to, after a few days"

"...that survey, how much result will it have?"

"What do you mean, Kakeru?"

"Some guy came to invite Melissa to become the pope. He sounded as if he has absolute confidence she would become the pope if she agreed to become a candidate"

[You don't even remember the man's name yet you remember that]

Eleanor said in sarcasm.

It's about Melissa after all.

"That happened?"

"Yeah"

"I'll try to investigate it"

"I'll leave it to you"

I gave Rica a short kiss on her lips.

Seeing that, Alice blushed and her body flinched.

Was she frightened seeing that now?

"You heard him. Alice, go and immediately investigate about that matter"

""

"Alice?"

Rica tilted her head.

Even after receiving an order, Alice did not move to take action. She bit her lip and held her skirt tightly.

Eventually, Alice said with a resolute expression.

"Onee-sama! P-Please let me, r-receive Kakeru-sama's affection as well!"

[Kukuku, this is the first time I saw a girl begging to warm your bed so desperately]

It's the same with me.

I have seen someone mustering all the courage they have, but Alice was not like that.

She mustered her courage and asked for it, because she's going to it anyways as her duty.

Rica correctly understood that.

"No"

"W-Why...?"

"There is no way I can give Alice to Kakeru right now"

"...am I unqualified?"

"Yes. You are not, with the way you are right now"

"...understood"

Alice drooped her shoulders and dispiritedly left the glass garden.

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Alice dispiritedly left the Rose Garden.

"It shouldn't have been like this..."

She was rejected, she was dejected, and she could feel a greater fear.

Although the Rose Garden is Rica's harem externally, she had told all of them.

The owner of this harem is the Demon Sword Wielder, Yuuki Kakeru.

She said that the reason that it was made is to gather women for Kakeru.

It is not rare for the legal wife to manage the concubines. Alice felt nothing wrong with it.

And she also understands the most prioritized thing she must do.

It is to sleep with Kakeru.

No matter what was actually had been said, it is true that the reason she came here is to become a hostage—at the least, that's what Alice thinks.

That is why she also thinks that the thing that Rica wants her to do, warming Kakeru's bed, is the most important job for her.

She is not mistaken. Looking at the other women, it is no doubt that Rica actively offers them to Kakeru to catch his attention.

Rica is pleased when Kakeru is satisfied. That pattern is correct without an ounce of doubt.

That is why Alice brought it up herself, she wanted him to take her.

But Rica refused.

"Why" and "what should I do".

Those two thoughts were circling within Alice's mind.

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"Alice"

"Eh... O-Onee-sama"
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Hearing her name being called, Alice looked over and was shocked.

Rica, she left the Rose Garden to chase after her.

"I-Is there anything else I can do?"

"My words weren't enough"

"Eh?"

"I'm not being mean to you. It feels that, it's a waste"

"A waste?"

"I mean that it's a waste if you sleep with Kakeru due to obligation, while not falling for him. Alice doesn't love Kakeru yet right?"

"T-That is..."

"It's fine. There's only one thing I should tell you"

Rica reached out her hand and touched Alice's cheek.

"You don't need to push yourself. Just watch Kakeru with your eyes. By doing that, you would naturally fall for him. You should sleep with Kakeru when that happens. You will then experience the greatest joy"

"T-The greatest..."

"After all, I really want Alice to be happy"

""

"Now then. I'll count on you to investigate that case okay"

After saying that, Rica turned around and returned to the Rose Garden.

Alice blushed and touched the place where Rica's finger touched, the place where she could feel a lingering feeling.

"Onee... sama..."

She whispered as her cheeks blushed red.

What she stared at was the master of the Rose Garden.

Rica did not know.

Those words that she said with goodwill after she caught up to Alice.

"Onee-sama..."

It made Alice breathe out a longing sigh, making her distance to Kakeru a bit farther. Rica has yet to realize that at this moment.

Chapter 283 Kidnapping Cancel

I returned to the room I brought the nuns to.

All of the women that I slept with, all twenty of them are still unconscious.

Their appearance and attires returned to how it was before.

While they passed out, the palace's maids cleaned their body and dressed them up.

That's why they returned to how they looked before.

[A lottery ticket has dropped]

"Yeah"

I nodded and approached the women I made love with.

They're women who I had sex with for the first time, so there are lottery tickets that dropped. I picked them up and there was just exactly twenty of them.

I kept it in my Different Dimension Warehouse and took out my Warp Feather.

I enveloped everyone with my camouflage aura and warped to Ainon's church.

The church seemed emptier than usual.

The men were out to teach and the women I brought had just returned.

Instead, there was an unexpected person.

"Hikari"

It was Hikari who was there.

She hugged Chibi Dragon on top of her lap and swung her feet as she sat on the church bench.

She looked super cute—it would definitely win best picture awards if I captured this moment with a photo.

However, Hikari did not react when I called out to her.

[You're being too much of a doting parent. Hikari can't see you if you don't remove the aura]

"Now that you've mentioned that"

The camouflage aura uses Eleanor's powers.

It is impossible for someone to see through it unless they have equal or greater power than Eleanor.

Although they are mother and daughter, that is not an exception.

And Hikari has yet to reach Eleanor's level, so naturally, she can't see through it.

I removed my camouflage aura and called out to Hikari once again.

"Hikari"

"Otou-san. I thought I'd meet you if I wait here"

"You were waiting for me?"

"Un! I came to play here with O-chan, so I was waiting for Otou-san"

"Is that so"

It should be an unimaginable journey when you think of how young Hikari looks.

There is a long distance between my mansion in Reiusu and this Ainon. It's not at a distance where children to casually come and go.

But when I was thinking of that, Chibi Dragon cried "myu~, myu~.

"I came riding on O-chan's back"

"I see~"

I imagined that scene and patted Hikari's head.

After our journey to the past, Hikari learned to return Chibi Dragon to her original form, the Dragon King Olivia.

The dragon that is Olivia's true form.

I've seen Hikari riding on her back or hanging by her neck many times.

When you think of how fast Olivia flies, it could be said that it is at a casual distance instead.

And that Olivia—Chibi Dragon looks a little different than usual.

She's not naked, but wearing clothes.

She's wearing clothes while she's Chibi Dragon.

It seemed like how a dog would wear clothes too.

"You know~, O-chan said she wanted to come wearing western-style clothes~. How does it look, Otou-san"

"Of course, very cute~"

[Hey, patting Hikari after what you said is weird]

Eleanor pointed that out, but I ignored her as usual.

After I patted Hikari's head for a while.

"Now then, I should go meet Caroline"

"Hikari will come too~"

I held hands with Hikari and went deeper inside the church.

I headed straight to Caroline's room and knocked on the door.

There was no reaction.

"I wonder if Onee-chan is sleeping~"

"Who knows... I'm coming in Caroline"

I opened the door after saying that.

What I saw as an unexpected scene.

There was a gaping hole in the space in the middle of the room.

On the other side of the hole as a space where only darkness exists, but I saw Caroline inside that hole.

"Caro—"

I reached out my hand, but it was too late. The hole that swallowed Caroline was closed entirely.

"Hikari!"

"Un!"

Hikari returned Chibi Dragon inside of her and turned to a Demon Sword.

"Eleanor, let's go!"

[Umu!]

After that short exchange, I threw Eleanor using my full power.

My full power and strength, enough power to break through the bounds of space.

That full force that I once did in the world of the past.

After I threw Eleanor, her blade pierced through space and opened a hole.

I didn't hesitate. I held Hikari's hilt tightly and jumped into the hole.

The hole that I made immediately closed.

Arriving at that place, it seemed to be very similar to the one I was shut in together with Eleanor. A space within a different dimension.

I saw Eleanor there, as well as Caroline.

I picked up Eleanor and approached the frightened Caroline.

"Caroline"

"God!"

She clung to me.

Her hand, her body. They were trembling. It looks like she was frightened by the sudden event.

"It's alright now, Caroline"

"Yes, God..."

"For the meantime, let's get out of here. Let's do it one more time, Eleanor"

[It seems like someone does not plan on letting us return easily]

After Eleanor finished talking, a few silhouettes appeared as if they melted out of space.

I've seen this before.

It's the same form with that evil being that lent a hand to Aegina's Crown Prince Kimon as well as created troubles in Calamba and Siracuza.

The air around them is similar as well. There should be no doubt that they are of the same race.

But they suddenly attacked!

I vertically swung Eleanor and chopped the nearest one who charged in halves.

One half remained standing and the other half collapsed.

Another one quickly followed in attacking. I also swung Eleanor and chopped the enemy.

It did not and there. They continuously attacked. I pulled Caroline into an embrace and killed them one by one while protecting her.

There are only several dozens of them. I can wipe them out in a few minutes.

[It seems that it would not be that easy]

"What?"

[Look over there]

I looked at the direction Eleanor pointed.

The first one I cut in halves started to regenerate.

Its body that was split by two stuck together and attacked me again.

I chopped its head and burned its remains with flames.

However, it revived after a while.

"These guys are so similar to Opis"

[It is a bit different. They are regenerating themselves using this space's power]

"...it's true, I could feel the powers flowing that way"

[They seem to regenerate at the same sense as humans breathe air. Air does not disappear just by mere humans breathing them in. As long as they are in this place, it is impossible to annihilate them]

[W-What should we do?]

"The one who escapes wins. Let's open another hole"

The instant I said that, the enemies seemed to understand my intent. They increased the speed they're attacking.

Although I defeated them one next to the other just the same, the speed they regenerate is quite fast. I can't "charge up" to throw Eleanor with my full strength, one that is powerful enough to open a hole through space.

That action takes some time even for me. An attack that could break the dimensional walls, it needs more than just my full power—in short, it requires me to break my limits.

I can't do that when I'm continuously being attacked.

[Otou-san, leave it to Hikari]

"Hikari? What are you going to do?"

[Hikari has a plan, is it okay?]

"Alright. I'll be counting on you, Hikari"

I didn't think longer than a second and entrusted it to Hikari.

Although Hikari is the cutest in the world, she isn't just a cute girl.

She is the Demon Sword Hikari. A Demon Sword that possesses Eleanor's bloodline, one of the world's most powerful swords.

I trust that Hikari. Since she has a plan, then I can leave it to her.

[Mumumumu~... Eii~!]

After she made that adorable battle cry, Hikari's blade released a light, creating numerous clones of her.

It was like how Eleanor did it before, the Demon Sword clones.

Demon Swords with the same number of enemies appeared above the evil beings, then fell at once.

All of them were pierced by the Demon Swords, temporarily incapacitating them.

[Now's the time! Do it!]
"Right!"

I charged my strength to my arm and threw Eleanor.

All of my powers and strength, even surpassing my limits.

Eleanor broke through the dimensional walls making a hole. I jumped through that

hole while holding Caroline tightly.

We were outside when we returned, not in Caroline's room or the town of Ainon. It is somewhere outside.

However, it seems that there is no doubt that we returned to our world.

[That's so amazing, Otou-san. You can probably now come and go to that place anytime~]

"I guess so. Though I don't want to go there that much"

I recovered Eleanor and looked at Caroline who was still trembling.

"An attack during this timing"

[Kukuku, I wonder who in the world was pulling the strings]

Eleanor laughed playfully.

It seemed that we were thinking of the same thing.

Chapter 284 Within the Closed World

Caroline is still frightened, while she trembles in my arms.

[It would be better if you left her rest]

"I agree, I should take her back to the church... no, I should take her to my mansion" [Umu. The place you are confident to describe as safe should be good]

Eleanor had the same opinion.

I'm interested in those who are targeting Caroline. Interested in the sense of looking forward to it.

That comes from the dangerous smell that I whiffed during this attack.

The more fun it is for me and Eleanor, the frightening it would be for Caroline. Naturally, I can't let her return to the church. A place that is definitely safe is good.

My mansion. I should let Nana guard her as well.

Both in the sense of strength and loyalty.

The place where Nana is would be the safest one.

[But it's safest with Otou-san right?]

"That's true. Good girl Hikari, you're so smart~"

[Ehehe~]

I took my Warp Feather while listening to Hikari's cute laughter and warped to my mansion.

The bedroom in my mansion. I should call Nana here.

I first called Miu to call Nana. "Did you call for me, Master" "Yeah, sorry to trouble you. Can you tell Nana—" "Kyaaaaa!" Caroline suddenly screamed. She was just trembling in my arms up until now, but the instant she saw Miu, she screamed and her trembling worsened. "What's the matter, Caroline!" "No... don't come closer..." "E-Ehh?" Miu was confused by Caroline's fright and blatant rejection. I know that Miu did not do anything, so I could understand why she'd feel confused. The one I don't understand is why Caroline became more frightened when she saw Miu. "What happened?" "Noooooo!" Colaria who heard the commotion entered the room. She also made Caroline frightened. "I-I'm sorry! I... eh?" Colaria was confused too. Caroline became even more scared and clung on me tighter. [Maybe...]

[Maybe, she is frightened by everything that she sees through her eyes?]

"What?"

"Everything that she sees?"

[This is only my speculation. She look as if she is frightened by all kinds of existence]

"Is it from the shock from being kidnapped...?"

[Most probably. Shouldn't you consider go to a place with no people, not here in your mansion?]

"Let me see..."

I thought for a moment and decided to use a different measure.

Although I've never done it before, I should be able to do it.

I imagined "that" and released my aura from Eleanor.

The aura completely enveloped Caroline.

[Camouflage aura? Even if you do that—]

"It's the opposite." I'm not making her invisible to everyone else, I'm making everyone else invisible to her"

[—Hmm?]

Eleanor seemed confused. I ignored her for the meantime and talked to Caroline.

"Caroline, open your eyes"

"Eh?"

"Are you still scared?"

"...ah! There's no one else anymore, other than God"

"I see"

"Oh God..."

Caroline called me and clung to me stronger.

I enveloped Caroline with an aura, one that makes her unable to see those who are weaker than me.

I improvised my camouflage aura, using it to have the opposite effects for the first

time, but it looks like it worked.



I embraced the frightened Caroline within my arms and continuously warped to many places.

To Helene.

To Rica.

To Aura.

To Fiona and Marie.

To Selene.

And to Delfina.

I warped to where my women were, asking them who are in the top of politics and wealth to investigate the church's movements.

After doing so, I returned to my mansion.

I relaxed in the courtyard of my mansion with Caroline still in my arms.

Caroline seemed so frightened before, but she finally looked like she has calmed down.

She should be in a world where she could only see me. Normally, it would've been scary instead.

Something that is frequently told in stories—a world where you and only a few others exist. No one else.

A normal person would've started panicking, but Caroline had a face of complete relief in that world.

[Kukuku, what a strange girl she is]

"The way her mind works is probably different than other people"

[I understand now why you have yet to take her purity]

"Un?"

[What? You didn't notice?]

Eleanor said while rolling her eyes.

[She is just after that kicking princess, so the more of the reason that it is impossible] "...ahh"

After hearing her said that much, I finally realized.

The thing that I myself didn't notice. The thing that I've been unconsciously avoiding.

I slept with the nuns before, but I didn't do it with Caroline who seemed to be deeply attached to me.

That is because she's completely dependent and reliant to me.

Although I feel happy being the target of her affection, she is being too dependent on me that I can't be happy for everything.

The kicking princess Eleanor mentioned—Selene.

She is someone who completely changed from a useless girl to a good woman. So after seeing her, for good and for bad, I can't make love with Caroline.

I don't want to—I "still", don't want to.

I didn't notice it myself, but Eleanor pointed it out to me.

[You've become quite a gourmet]

"That might be true"

[Her looks are not lacking though]

"Well of course"

[How about taking her right now? For example, Io also started to grow after you slept with her. This girl might be the same as her]

"Let me see"

I hesitated. What Eleanor said was reasonable.

Except for being completely reliant on me, Caroline is a beautiful girl that would gather attention from anyone.

If it was before I became too used to this, I might've not hesitated at all.

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"Uhm, Master"
"Un?"
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I looked up and saw Miu in front of me.

I saw Miu in the corner of my eye, in the second floor of the mansion, and in the other side of the window.

All of them were moving in a natural way. It looks like she had completely mastered using the Puppet Master.

I became happy seeing her growth. At the same time, Caroline seemed a bit more—no, I should stop.

"What's the matter"

"There's something I would like Master to see"

"Right, what is it"

I nodded and made Miu continue.

Suddenly, Caroline raised her head and looked up.

She looked completely calm by now, but her eyes gradually widened.

"Kyaaaaaaa!"

She screamed.

"Wait Caroline, Miu is—"

The next instant, my body moved.

There was no explanation, doubt, nor confirmation.

My body moved skipping all the process that should've been in between.

The reason for that, it's only because my intuition told me.

I unsheathed Eleanor and—



It was a calm moment that seemed as if she was within the cradle of her mother's arms.

A place that can be called the safest in the face of the earth. Caroline regained her composure being protected within Kakeru's arms.

A world where she can only see Kakeru. It was a world that felt like it was a dream. There was no noises. Only Kakeru exists.

Caroline was relieved being in that world.

But suddenly, she felt a presence and looked up. She saw someone she doesn't know. It was an animal-eared girl wearing maid clothes.

A noise.

A noise that suddenly interrupted the world where she can only see Kakeru.

Caroline was frightened. She was scared by the fact that she might be kidnapped once again.

She raised a scream. A scream that was prompted by fear.

The next instant, Kakeru unsheathed his Demon Sword and swung it towards the enemy.

Gakiiiiiiiin——

A metallic sound that pierces the ears and sparks flying. Kakeru's face was grinning.

Caroline has only few interactions with other people, so she doesn't know.

The expression of the man she is looking at is classified generally as a "villainous grin".

However, it gave Caroline a sense of protection.

The appearance of the injured beastkin girl blurred and disappeared once again. Kakeru was embracing Caroline as he swung his sword, but.

With the world turning back to where she could only see Kakeru, Caroline was relieved and clung to him tightly.

Chapter 285 A Capable Girl

I slashed towards that thing that had Miu's appearance using Eleanor.

It guarded, raising its arms while jumping back. I broke through its guard and chopped its arms altogether.

"—!"

Its expression changed. Its expression turned into a fierce one, one unimaginable from Miu.

Its arms that were chopped immediately returned into ashes and regenerated from the chop wounds.

That thing kicked the ground and jumped into the air. It looks like it's trying to run. I thought of jumping after it, but I stopped.

Its movements as soon as it jumped, and also its direction.

I noticed that it wasn't leaping, but flying.

If I just jump after it, I would be left behind part ways.

"Hikari, take out Olivia"

[Un! O-chan~!]

Hikari's blade shone and Olivia was summoned.

Not Chibi Dragon, nor in her dragonkin form.

The Dragon King Olivia was summoned.

I jumped onto Olivia's head while embracing Caroline tightly.

"Pursue after it"

That was all I ordered.

Olivia flapped her wings and flew to the great sky.

That thing that has Miu's appearance and Olivia who was chasing after it.

Olivia was faster by a lot, so we immediately caught up.

"We've caught you"

We closed in while I'm still on Olivia's head. I slashed towards the fake Miu using Eleanor.

Fake Miu blocked by reaching out its arm while turning around. *Gakiiiii—n!!* the deafening sound echoed and sparks flew.

Its arm was tougher than earlier.

It was about to counterattack. It made a clawing movement with its hands.

I felt a bad feeling soon after. I quickly dodged.

The air, it "rotted".

I don't know if that's the correct way to describe it, but that was how I felt it.

The space its claws passed through rotted.

Looking closely, its nails had a dark violet color, and something with an indescribable color was falling from ti.

[If it lands on your body, even you couldn't possibly endure it]

"It's useless if it doesn't hit"

I continued to slash using Eleanor. The sword clashed with its claws creating countless sparks.

Fake Miu flew around in the air and tried to attack from my blind spot.

Olivia also started maneuvering in the air to deal with it, but.

[0-chan, she's having it hard...]

Just like what Hikari whispered, although Olivia was faster in speed, she is inferior when it comes to making small turns in the air.

There were multiple times when Olivia could not catch up with its maneuverability and got attacked from a blind spot. Although she tried to fight back, her attacks would barely graze it, making her unable to deal sufficient damage.

After several exchanges, Olivia was caught entirely from her blind spot.

She received attacks from Fake Miu and I was thrown in the air because of the impact.

I took a glance and saw Fake Miu making an evil smile.

"You can't catch up now"—I think I heard that.

"Don't smile using that face"

I kicked the air.

I kicked the air, I kicked the wind.

I kicked empty spaces and charged towards Fake Miu.

[Kukuku, how ridiculous you are as always]

[Otou-san's so amazing!]

Ignoring the reactions of the mother and daughter Demon Swords, I closed the distance with Fake Miu and swung down Eleanor.

Fake Miu looked surprised. It took defensive guard in desperation, trying to parry my charge.

"This isn't over!"

I was swept away to a different direction, but I immediately kicked the air once again, charging towards it after changing directions.

Although I can't fly in the air in the sense of floating, with this, I can now fight mid-air.

I charged many times, attacking Fake Miu.

There are times when my attack would be dodged, sometimes it would be parried, and I would also clash with it and be pummelled to the ground.

But every time, I would change directions and charge again.

Fake Miu's face color worsens, it looked as if it was panicking after feeling it was disadvantaged.

"How about giving up already"

When I said that, Fake Miu turned around and flew away. It was flying as if it was trying to take distance away from me.

"I won't let you escape!"

[Wait, no]

Soon after I heard Eleanor's words of halt, Fake Miu raised its hand.

With that hand as the core, a gigantic magic circle appeared.

It was about thirty meters in diameter. A magic circle that looked as if it was covering the sky.

A dragon appeared from that.

It's a dragon that looked as if it was made by dark flames. I can tell with a glance that it's strong.

But, it wouldn't be a problem.

Caroline looked completely relieved in my arms. She clings tightly to me.

The reason why she screamed before was because, at that instant, its strength exceeded my—Eleanor's power.

But after I landed a hit on Fake Miu, it weakened so Caroline calmed down.

And even now, Caroline stays put silently. Not to mention a scream, she even seems as if all that she can see is me.

In other words, it is very clear.

But despite that, we are in mid-air. I don't want to stay much longer, fighting in this terrain where even Olivia was played.

If so, since that's the case. To defeat it with one shot.

I concentrated my powers towards my right hand that holds Eleanor.

With powers that exceed my limits. A powerful throw.

The throw using the full strength that Eleanor—

[Stop—]

She shouted before I moved, but I didn't mind her and continued to throw.

When we're doing this, Eleanor would always say stop or wait, so I continued to throw without reacting to her.

I am sure. That attack would kill it.

Kyuuuuuuuu—!! Eleanor flew with the wind howling.

That attack using the Demon Sword that exceeded the speed of sound blasted off the dark dragon along with Fake Miu.

"...ah!"

But a moment later, I understood why Eleanor was stopping me.

I shouldn't blast away Fake Miu.

The duration of the fight was getting longer, and I was pissed by it making such expressions using Miu's face, so I completely forgot.

I shouldn't defeat it, but neutralize it so that I can extract information from it.

Despite regretting it, it was already done.

Being hit by my full force attack using Eleanor, Fake Miu was completely obliterated without any remains.

I landed on the ground while embracing Caroline and dropped my shoulders.

I also recovered Eleanor while I did so.

[You fool. This is what happens if you don't listen to my words]

"Mumumu~"

[What "Mumumu~". Reflect on yourself this time]

I couldn't rebuke Eleanor. Although the enemy was defeated, it was my mistake.

[Huh~? Where's O-chan?]

"Hm?"

Hikari seems to have noticed something.

When I turned around, I saw Olivia in her dragon form over there.

She is sitting like a dog—she stared at me with eyes you would see from a faithful dog.

The faithful dog Olivia. It's an expression that she would sometimes make.

It's when she wants to say something, but she's waiting for my command.

That kind of face.

"What's the matter, Olivia"

"Look at this!"

Olivia bowed her head and moved her face closer to me.

Olivia's head when she's a dragon is as big as a person. I saw something stuck between her fangs.

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"This is..."

"It got stuck when I bit on that thing earlier"

"Earlier...? Ahh! When you grazed Fake Miu"

"Un!"
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Olivia nodded with an even happier face.

What was stuck between her fangs—a bit of clothes and flesh.

Although the main body was obliterated, it might be possible to use these as evidence.

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"Good job, Olivia"
"Aha∼♪"
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When I praised her, Olivia showed a happy smile.

Chapter 286 Inside the Vessel

In the living room of my mansion, there are two women sitting beside me on the sofa.

One is Caroline. I'm protecting her using my camouflage aura since she would get scared seeing other people.

The other one is Olivia. She is resting her chin on my lap, as if she was a dog.

I stroked Olivia's head. Although the way my hand moved was the same with how I pat Hikari, the action itself was different.

It's the thing that Eleanor in the past era was doing. It's the technique that makes the target feel pleasure greater than having sex with just a simple touch or even suck their lifeforce and turn them into a cripple.

I customized that technique.

Eleanor is able to give the target feel pleasure that is greater than sex, but in return, they would be crippled.

I'm customizing it so that it would be at the level of intense foreplay without any sideeffects.

The wise Olivia saw through my intent from the beginning, but even after doing so, she let me do as I wish.

[As expected of a loyal dog. To think that she would be happy being the guinea pig of her master]

"Don't make it sound so terrible"

[But that's what exactly you're doing right? More importantly, are you sure? That technique is difficult to use]

"No problem. I'll make sure to master it"

[Well, if it could be adjusted to exactly how you imagine it, it would be like giving wings to a tiger. It is worth the try]

"That isn't all"

[Umu?]

"It's not just this. I'll do everything one at a time. Someday, I'll have your everything as mine"

[...s-suit yourself]

While hearing Eleanor's unusual agitation, I continued to stroke Olivia's head.

Olivia's face was blushing. She wouldn't be like that with just a simple pat.

She reacts the same with when I would touch her breasts.

The adjustment is working pretty well. I continued carefully.

On the other hand, I'm holding the piece of meat and cloth, giving it a careful look.

It's the clue I got thanks to Olivia.

While looking at it, I remembered the information I got from my women.

Helene, Rica, Aura, Fiona, and Selene.

The queens and princesses of the Five Great Kingdoms.

In addition to that, Delfina, the merchant who possesses equal wealth to a kingdom, who had spread her network throughout the world.

As a result of all of their investigations, they told me that the church hadn't made strange movements.

I've also considered the pattern where there would be none of such.

Since it was assumed that the opponent was the evil beings, I've thought that they might have different ways of taking actions from humans.

As a result, not a single one of my women were able to catch strange movements. However, it truly exists. This piece of meat and cloth is the proof for that.

The evil beings. It is without a doubt that those which are not human are moving.

"The problem is why would they target Caroline"

I glanced at Olivia.

Olivia is smiling, in addition to her blushing face as I stroked her head.

[It seems that the doggy doesn't have anything to say]

"I agree"

If she had noticed something and there is something she would want to say. Olivia would be fidgeting, looking as if she's holding back but wants to say something.

She would be like that when she wants to say something, say something "with my permission".

Olivia is just like that.

But since she's only behaving completely spoiled, it's the proof that she hadn't noticed anything.

[What next?]

"There's no way I would always protect her until she becomes the Pope"

"As expected of Human!"

I'm in my mansion and I'm not hiding my voice with my aura, so Olivia who heard me reacted.

I stroked her head a bit stronger but still gently, and continued.

"However, there's no meaning if she would be targeted even after she becomes the Pope. I can't protect her her whole life"

[Umu. We must find out the reason why she's being targetted]

"After reaching this point, it would be a place where even Helene and the other's can't investigate"

[How about using this girl, Caroline, to bait them?]

"There's always the possibility for the worst. I want that as the last resort"

I continued the discussion with Eleanor about this and that.

We talked about things like deciphering the Solon Church's scriptures, or asking Melissa.

Although we made many kinds of ideas, none of them were as effective as the first one. The one with using Caroline as a bait.

When I was considering it carefully, whether that's really the only thing we could do. From across the window, I saw Althea in the garden.

Althea is covering her face with the hood of her coat. She probably returned to her old appearance after her vigor was drained.

"Recently, Althea feels a bit distant"

[She might be cheating on you]

I flicked Eleanor's blade with my finger.

"Although she's as usual on the bed, it's like she won't talk to me other than those times, or maybe she seems to be avoiding me"

[Hmm. It is true that you have that kind of atmosphere between you. It's the opposite to the Dragon King doggy]

"You're still continuing that... wait, opposite to Olivia?"

Something bothered me.

Opposite... opposite of what?

Olivia would be fidgeting around when she wants to say something.

And the opposite to that... she's avoiding me because she doesn't want to tell me something?

{I am Althea, just Althea}

"No. She's avoiding me because she wants to say something"

[What are you saying?]

Eleanor said while rolling her eyes.

"Althea wishes to become a simple woman. She doesn't want to give me advice" [...hmm, that is true]

Eleanor's tone turned to a serious one.



"Yes, I know"

Althea acknowledged it casually after I called her.

"You don't want me to hear you out?"

"I just don't want to answer"

I heard her continuing "I'm just Althea after all" without putting it in words.

"Can you make an exception"

"Alright. In return, you must treat me as an ordinary woman after I told you"

I pulled Althea into an embrace, took off her hood, and kissed her.

Her old appearance returned to a young and vibrant one, turning her to an unparalleled beauty.

After the long kiss, Althea had a complicated face. Half satisfied and half hadn't had enough.

"Let's leave the rest after hearing you out"

"Fine"

Althea nodded and the air around her changed in an instant.

She started to speak with her instructor's tone—unique to when she wants to teach

me something.

"That girl Caroline, she the a vessel of god"

"Vessel for god? Not a child of god?"

"Both of them are correct. It is merely the difference in perspective. She is seen as the child of god from the human's perspective. The child of god who possesses the blood of the god Solon. Then what about the vessel of god?"

"...those guys' perspective"

I answered to the instructor's question and she nodded with a satisfied face.

"Exactly. The vessel of god is the moniker when looking from their perspective. And that in itself is the essence. The vessel of god. When Solon descents... no, when that god manifests, the vessel of god shall be the its container"

"I see"

"The vessel of god must be empty. For there would be inconveniences when Solon possesses it if it is not. However, the vessel that they created so that it would grow empty... it gave birth to slightly human-like emotions. Why is that?"

"...because she heard my voice?"

Althea nodded.

"With the interactions between you two, she is gradually approaching that of a human. No, there is a high possibility that she would be human itself. And the reason for that"

Althea looked straight at me. Her eyes were overflowing with passion.

"All of the women who were involved with you becomes a simple woman without exception"

"A simple woman, huh"

"A simple woman, one that is truly human. That is why they wanted to take her from you, even using force"

"...in other words, the thing about the pope doesn't matter. Those guys want to take Caroline away, keeping her in storage until my life ends, huh"

Althea nods satisfiedly with my answer.

I remembered the words of those evil beings I heard before.

Their longevity is far longer than that of humans. They only need to take action after I'm dead.

They were saying things like that.

Their plan for Caroline is the same with that, huh.

"In other words, I only need to fill the vessel huh"

"Yes. You only need to do what you are usually doing. Although there would be even more hindrances"

Althea said playfully.

That's not a problem.

No matter what hindrance it is, I only need to erase them. It's that simple.

Chapter 287 Amazing Women (side Caroline)

When Caroline woke up, it was in her own room.
"—hiii!"
It was her room she lived for many years, a personal place that should've given her relief.
However, Caroline raised a scream.
Her face paled and looked around, desperately searching for something.
"God! Where are you God?!"
She is searching for Kakeru who she calls as her God.
She wondered when she had returned, although she was sure that she was within Kakeru's arms just before she fell asleep.
She was completely in panic, calling out to Kakeru desperately.
"God! Where are you God?! Noooooooo!!"
As she continued to scream, people who have heard her came.
After the sounds of running footsteps, the door was slammed open.
"What's the matter, Caroline-sama!"
"Did something happen?"
It was two young nuns who entered the room.

"Hii!"

Caroline fell into deeper panic as the nuns appeared.

She was traumatized after being kidnapped, making her feel fear from all kinds of human other than Kakeru.

"It's alright, Caroline-sama. We are nuns of the church"

"Idiot, she can't understand even if you tell her. She can't hear you after all" "Ah! Right..."

Caroline cannot hear their voices. More specifically, although she can hear their voices, her brain doesn't recognize them as voices.

Kakeru gave her the lottery item "Backward Compatibility", so she is now able to hear them, but there was no way for Caroline who would fall into panic just by seeing them would match her frequency with them so she could understand them.

"God! Please, God, answer to my call!"

As a result, she became more panicked and continued to call Kakeru.

"Maybe she's afraid because she can't hear Solon-sama's voice"

"I wonder what happened. She can't hear Solon-sama? But it isn't like she would always hear God's voice"

"I know right. She's panicking too, let's just leave her alone"

"Wait a second"

One of the nuns wrote something using the pen and paper found in the table in Caroline's room.

She gave that simple note to Caroline.

""Don't worry, we'll be just outside so call us if anything happens". I see, she can read it when it's written huh"

"It's also for her to look at it after she's calmed down"

The two nuns left the room.

With the slight improvement from the worst situation, Caroline slightly calmed down. She has now calm enough to take a look at the note she was given, able to look around

the room without screaming.

"God... where did you go..."

Caroline whispered silently. What remained after the passing of fear was unprecedented helplessness.

Starting from this day, Kakeru stopped appearing in front of her.

It was already a week since Kakeru stopped appearing.

Although Caroline fell into panic during the first day, she was in the church familiar to her, a place where she could even call as her home.

She completely calmed down the next day and was even able to leave her room, spending the same days she has spent up until now.

Even on this day, she left her room, and was about to pray in front of god's statue while thinking of Kakeru/

When she was about to kneel and place her hands together as usual, one woman came from her side.

"Ah! Please wait, Caroline-sama"

The young nun said to her, but of course, Caroline didn't hear her.

She stopped Caroline by blocking her way, then after sweeping the place she was about to kneel on, she wiped it with a cloth.

She quickly cleaned the place where Caroline was about to kneel on.

"Please, go on now. Please do your best today too, Caroline-sama"

The nun left after saying that.

Of course, her words did not reach Caroline's ears. However, she had caught her eye. Caroline tilted her head towards the strange actions of the nun.



Even after praying for the whole day, Kakeru did not appear in front of Caroline.

"God..."

It was a heartrending whisper and although other people's words cannot reach her, the opposite was different.

The other believers can hear Caroline's words.

Within the church which was almost made up of only nuns, with the men out to teach in church schools.

The older nuns who were praying just the same comforted her.

"It's alright, Caroline-sama. I believe that Solon-sama will let you hear His voice once again"

"She's right. I am sure that He is watching over the results of the school that we made"

Naturally, Caroline did not hear those older nuns' voices, she looked at the young nuns who was working eagerly at a distance.

"Everyone, good job. I brought water"

"There's cold towels as well. You should cool your knees using these"

They would bring water or towels, walking around here and there, taking care of the other believers.

"Here, Caroline-sama should have one too"

One of them came to Caroline and gave her a cup of water.

"Please don't hold back—ah! I see, you couldn't hear us right"

The young nun made a gesture of drinking water, so Caroline received the cup and drank water from mit.

The water made her feel refreshed. It should've been ordinary water, but it was strangely refreshing.

"Ufufu, you face says that you find it strange. I added a bit of a secret flavor. Though you won't understand even if I explain, so I won't say it"

The young nun showed a mischievous smile, then returned to the other young nuns to hand over water.

Caroline continued to stare at them.



A slight change occurred in Caroline's lifestyle.

Her days of waking up in the church and praying have not changed.

She is just doing one additional thing other than that.

Her eyes would follow the young nuns.

She was not looking at someone particularly.

She just started to watch the young nuns within the church.

Even right now, she is looking at a nun who is writing a letter for a believer who visited the church.

These past few days, she finds herself attracted or interested by the young nuns.

They felt different from other people, but it was difficult for Caroline who doesn't know a lot of words to describe it clearly. The only thing she knows is that they are clearly different from other people.

The young nuns were thoughtful, their movements were skilled, and one would

somewhat feel elegance from their bearing.

When she noticed it, Caroline's eyes were chasing after the young nuns' appearances. There is another reason for her to do that.

There would always be one of the young nuns that interested Caroline within her view. Even when she is keeping herself inside her room, there would always be one of them when she looks out her window.

They weren't looking at Caroline, just simply spending their own lives. Nonetheless, they would absolutely be there.

That's why Caroline looked at them. She watched them, with her eyes chasing after them.

"They are so..."

Caroline did her best to describe those women.

"So beautiful, and amazing... they are women, so amazing"

She squeezed that out from her untrained vocabulary, that was caused by not interacting with others.

As she continued to follow them with her eyes, Caroline became interested in them. At the same time, she wondered if "everyone" was the same.

She looked at the other believers.

However, there were only some that made Caroline feel they're "amazing". Only about twenty of them.

Gradually, she remembered their faces.

She remembered their faces despite of not knowing their names.

After remembering their faces, she started to become even more attracted to see their behavior.

Those twenty young nuns were similar, but slightly different from each other.

They are just amazing in their own ways.

"I wonder why... ah!"

Caroline was unable to find out why even after thinking about it herself, but she suddenly realized something.

She realized that she should just ask them to know why.

"Although it would make me unable to hear God's voice... it can't be helped"

She used the "Backward Compatibility", enabling her to hear ordinary people's voices and left her room to search for the "amazing" women.

Ordinary people would not do that at this hour.

After all, it was in the middle of the night when she realized that.

Common sense would make ordinary people wait for the next day, but having almost no interactions with other people, Caroline did not have that thought.

That's why she saw something unexpected.

Caroline left her room to search for the "amazing" women, but she witnessed something outside of the church.

She saw one woman talking to Kakeru while they faced each other.

{God...?}

Caroline was surprised.

However, her surprise was unexpectedly small.

If it were a few days ago, just when she was returned to the church, she would've

rushed towards Kakeru without thinking of anything else. But it did not go that way.

Her dependency towards Kakeru slightly faded and the existence of the "amazing" woman was big enough to weigh her balancing scale of judgment.

Instead of rushing out, she was curious, she was very, very curious.

The conversation between Kakeru and the "amazing" woman interested her so much.

When she tries to hear Kakeru's voice, she won't be able to hear the woman's voice.

When she tries to hear the woman's voice, this time, she won't be able to hear Kakeru's voice.

She can only hear one of them, making her unable to understand their conversation.

But it made her curious, what they were talking about made her very curious.

Caroline, for the first time in her life, did her best.

She was fueled by her curiosity, making her do her utmost to be able to hear both of them at the same time.

As a result.

"Ha! Nikki Cephalis and the first platoon shall continue guarding the Child of God!"

"I'll be counting on you. When everything's over, I'll definitely make it up to you girls"

"Ha!—no, Yes!"

For hearing that, Caroline became even more confused.

Within a split of a second, Nikki showed two different faces.

She has remembered her face. But she did not know that face of hers.

It was the coolest and most beautiful face she had seen up until now.

But Nikki reverted that face within a blink of an eye. It made Caroline more and more confused, making her more and more curious.



About 90% of the movement of Caroline's heart was as Kakeru had expected.

Chapter 288 The Sun, the Moon, and the Turtle

[I really think it's about time that you tell me what you're doing]

After seeing Nikki off, I heard Eleanor inside my head.

Although she said that, she didn't seem to be annoyed with me for not telling her. Instead, she even seemed to enjoy the fun of it.

Recently, Eleanor seems to be playful about and enjoying everything.

[You enveloped your first platoon with your aura and made them infiltrate the church. I thought you planned on making them do something, but that doesn't seem to be the case. All that you let them do was to make them spend their days as usual. What in the world is your objective]

"This is my guess... but Caroline probably doesn't think of humans as humans"

[Hmm? The same as me?]

"Not that. You think of humans as humans right? But although you call humans as human, it's synonymous to trash... that's how it is in your case, right?"

[Umu. Exactly]

"In Caroline's case, it's a problem even before that. Only God exists in that girl's world. God and everything else, that is the world Caroline lives in"

[I see. For good or for bad, she doesn't think of humans as humans. She thinks of them as the same with cats and dogs or trees and grass]

"You were almost right on the point. Even though you've described it lowly already" [...I see, the same with monsters too huh]

I nodded.

I think so, especially after watching Caroline. Even if you think of the lottery skill "Backward Compatibility" and about the frequency, there is probably no doubt.

"She needs to start from the very beginning, she needs to recognize humans as humans. It would fill her empty head"

[I understand that. But why the slave soldiers? On top of that, why did you choose the first platoon of all?]

"I need to make her understand "human. There would be no meaning if I show her one or two superhumans. I need to let her see many attractive people"

[That's the reason why you sent your slave soldiers huh. But why the first platoon?] "....."

That is, well...

[Kukuku. Seeing you not answer, it was really like that huh. There were many things that happened with the first platoon. Even within all of your slave soldiers, they have the deepest relationship with you—they are completely stained with your smell] "That's where one would say "don't say it out loud, it's so embarrassing""

It's exactly as Eleanor had said.

The first platoon of the slave soldiers led by Nikki. They once had too strong of the desire to gain battle achievements for me, making them repeatedly do reckless actions in the battlefield.

During that time, the first platoon would either have the greatest battle achievements or they would have the most number of wounded.

I scolded them about that and even trained them furthermore.

Most of all, I spent a lot of time with all of them in the bed, seeing how hard working they are.

As a result, they became the platoon that has the deepest relationship with me within my slave soldiers.

"Don't describe it with words like smell"

[They are the safety blanket that you gave that girl after all. So that she won't be worried too much after her god disappeared all so suddenly. There is no way to

describe it other than smell]

I didn't say anything but flicked Eleanor's blade.

I felt complicated being seen through by Eleanor, but the progress isn't bad.

I should watch over them for a bit longer.

Thinking of that, I took out my Warp Feather and was about to return to my mansion.

It was that time. A carriage stopped in front of the church.

One woman got off the carriage.

Her age seems to have slightly exceeded 30, she has balanced limbs and a beautiful figure.

Her type somewhat makes me think of Delfina.

That woman is wearing clerical clothes of the Solon Church, ones that are close to what Melissa is wearing.

"An executive, huh"

[Those clothes are the ones worn by head priests]

"Head priest?"

[A position where one would oversee the churches of several towns]

I see. She's quite the VIP then.

Why did someone like that come here?

That head priest woman entered the church. I was curious about why she came here.

I enveloped myself with my camouflage aura making me invisible.

[Kuku, how overprotective]

I flicked Eleanor's blade with a finger.

Although Caroline can hear my voice, she still can't see my appearance.

I told myself to be careful not to say anything as I entered the church.



While Caroline was praying, she was taking glances from her surroundings.

(That person was talking to God earlier... is she... are those beautiful women, were they sent by God to stay around me? That means, they are angels?)

It was fine up until Caroline started to guess the slave soldiers' identity after seeing one of them talk with Kakeru, but it was really Caroline after all. Her imagination was extraordinary.

She looked at the angels—her eyes followed the women that Kakeru sent to stay around her even more.

Most particularly, that woman who talked with Kakeru.

Nikki Cephalis.

Caroline stared at her the most.

All of those women were different from other people for they were beautiful and amazing, but Nikki was a notch above them.

It was even enough to say that she looked like she was shining brightly.

Caroline had almost no interactions with ordinary people. In a sense, she's even more clueless about the world when compared to Selene.

That's why she was unable to notice that the things she was seeing were actually something that an ordinary person would be unable to see.

But that was good instead. She would've been just confused if she had half-baked knowledge.

Those things that she sees... they are the color of the soul.

It is something that ordinary people cannot see, it is a scene that would make those with common sense bewildered.

However, Caroline doesn't know that. She doesn't think it strange.

She only sees that wonderful woman shining brightly. She only looked at that phenomenon.

(I know this... what was it again?)

Seeing Nikki light up, Caroline felt that it was familiar to her.

She had seen something similar, even recently.

Caroline looked around to search for what it was.

She looked to the right and to the left, she turned and continued to search for it.

Finally, she saw "that" outside the window.

She saw the afternoon blue sky outside the window.

But the other thing she was the white moon.

She felt that Nikki's shining light is the same as the moon.

That made Caroline even more confused, but in a sense, she was looking at its essence.

Nikki's soul had the same kind of light as the moon and following the brightness of the moon was the sun.

The moon (Nikki) receives the sun's (Kakeru's) light to shine.

"It must be you, the Child of God"

"Eh?"

Caroline matched her frequency with other people so that she could see and hear the wonderful women.

But suddenly, a different woman's voice interrupted her consciousness.

She looked up and saw a woman wearing clerical clothes for head priests.

"It is my pleasure to see you. My name is Eudora Canasis"

It was an elegant woman with a pleasing bearing.

However, in the eyes of Caroline.

She had a dark and disgusting color, enough to make Nikki's shine seem like its the sun in comparison.

Chapter 289 Caroline's Awakening

"Eudora... san"

"Ara, I heard that the Child of God doesn't speak much, but that doesn't seem to be the case. Or am I just lucky enough?"

Eudora giggled a laugh.

From the side, she looks like a noblewoman showing an elegant smile. Proving that were several believers—especially men getting stunned by her look.

She has a friendly smile and an elegant demeanor.

But still, Caroline furrowed her brows.

It was unknown whether Eudora noticed it or not.

She continued while smiling.

"It is very convenient if we can have a talk. Caroline-sama, I have something to ask from you"

"...no"

"—!"

Before Eudora finished, Caroline refused without consideration.

The believers inside the church were stirred and Eudora's expression turned stiff for an instant.

"That... why is it?"

"It doesn't matter"

"That is troubling. Can you please at least listen to what I say"

" "

Caroline looked like she didn't like her company, making an obvious expression.

"...you seem to be very frank huh. It cannot be helped, I shall leave for today"

After Eudora said that, she turned around and left the church.

She really seemed like she acted maturely. Adding to the air around her and her elegant bearing, some believers looked at Caroline with clear disapproval and discontent.

They look as if they would've been making a fuss about it if Caroline wasn't the "Child of God".

Naturally, those gazes, their emotions, they did not reach Caroline.

She saw off Eudora with a confused and unpleasant expression.

Even now, in Caroline's eyes, Eudora seemed to be something that is disgustingly dark and dirty.



After getting into her carriage, Eudora whispered an order to her subordinate.

"Go and thoroughly investigate that girl. From her birth, taste and preferences, to the color of the underwear she wears. Find out everything. There must be something. Something that would make her listen to me"

"Ha!"

Her subordinate received her order and left.

Inside the carriage that started moving, Eudora whispered to herself with a scowling expression.

"That little brat who's conceited for being called the child of god... I'll definitely make you regret this"

Eudora cursed out in the place where no one was looking.

Although her beauty was still present and the same, her expression was wicked and fierce, incomparable to what she had shown earlier.

It's her true expression she only shows when she's absolutely sure that no one is looking.

"It's like a different person"

[Kukuku, she is quite decent in looking good outside]

Eleanor and I looked at that expression closely.

In the same carriage, on the seat opposite to her.

I got in the same carriage while clad in my camouflage aura.

Thanks to that, she can't see me at all.

"I'd probably refuse anything someone like this asks. No, in the first place, there's no way she'd bring something reasonable"

[She seem to say something about threatening that girl too]

"She did. However, why did Caroline rejected her?"

[She didn't even let her talk about it]

"Caroline had an unpleasant expression the instant she saw her. As if she's looking at garbage"

[Umu. She was looking at Nikki just a moment ago, so the difference on her expression was terrible]

"...what do you think?"

[She might have heard something impossible for the common man]

I nodded.

I agreed with Eleanor's guess.

Originally, Caroline had a different "way of hearing" from the other people.

Up until now, it would be either "she could hear" or "she could not hear", but there is the possibility that it might've evolved into something else.

In fact, her eyes were clearly different when she's looking at Nikki and the other slave soldiers. She looked at them with favorable eyes.

[Are you bragging now?]

"It's a fact that they've become good women"

[Kukuku, you're no fun teasing]

Although she said that, Eleanor seemed to be having fun.

I gave it another thought. I thought of how to test and prove what happened to Caroline.



"If that is the case, there is someone very suitable"

In the Calamba Kingdom, in the Royal Capital Meteora.

Rica told me that when I came to consult her.

"Who is it? I came to ask you if you have someone you had your eyes on, one that has yet to enter the harem. Is it like that?"

"Unfortunately, it's a man"

Rica smiled.

"I would secure those I must collect at the quickest, fast enough to win against Delfina" "Colaria huh"

"Yes. That's why there's no one who is like what Kakeru described right now. I don't have that, but there is a man who might be punished with a crime"

"Tell me the details"

After showing a graceful smile, Rica started to talk about that man.

It was a lower official in a rural area with many farmlands in a certain region.

This year, that region is was hit by a bad weather, so the kingdom—Rica gave them an exemption for taxes and sent them relief goods.

However, it was a plot by some corrupted officials, increasing their personal wealth by taking advantage of that.

The lower official found the proof for those other officials' corruption and tried to report them—.

"It's a story that goes like that. On the other hand, there are reports that say that the true culprit of everything is actually that lower official"

"I see. It isn't going anywhere huh"

"But I already caught some evidence. He's innocent. I think that he's just what Kakeru needs right now to test Caroline"

"That's true. Thank you, Rica"

After I said that, I held Rica by the waist and pulled her into an embrace, then gave her a deep kiss.

Rica looked entranced and she leaned her body to mine.

"Is there anyone else who's like him?"

"Although they're not completely clearly proved, there is a few"

"I'll be using all of them"

"Un. I'll bring you the list"

I gave Rica another kiss when she was about to call someone to order, giving her the advance payment she deserves.



"Caroline"

"God"

In Ainon's church, in Caroline's bedroom.

I directly warped into her room.

Caroline was unexpectedly calm although it has been a while since she saw me.

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"What's the matter, God?"
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"Un, no, it's nothing. More importantly, come with me"

"To where?"

"To the prison"

"The prison..."

Caroline had a face of wondering what it was all about, but even so, she unhesitatingly took my hand when I reached out to her.

Holding her tightly, I warped to the prison I was led to once before.

It's an underground prison where felons are locked up.

The stone walls and iron bars releases a solemn atmosphere.

"Over here"

"Un"

I brought Caroline in front of the man I was looking for.

It's the lower official who had reported corruption yet he was accused to be the corrupted one.

"Eh?"

As soon as she saw the man, Caroline's eyes widened.

She hasn't even heard the man speak, but she already raised a voice of surprise.

"Why is that person, in a place like this?"

"Can you tell something?"

"Un. He's the same after all, with that person God talked with. He looks shining"

"To the one I talked to?"

"That amazing woman saluting"

"Nikki huh... you saw us huh"

Caroline made a slight nod. Her eyes were pinned to the man.

"You see him shining, huh. What about that woman Eudora?"

"She's so dirty"

"I see. It's not that you can hear it, you can see it"

"Un. It's only recently that I can see it"

"I see... Caroline"

"What?"

"I'll make you look at different people as well"

"Un... if God says so..."

Caroline looked clueless. She definitely doesn't know it herself.

She doesn't know how amazing the thing she sees.

[The light of the soul, huh...]

Eleanor whispered in a solemn voice.

Eleanor had the same guess. If our guess was correct, it means that Caroline is now able to see the color of a human's soul.

And to confirm that, I made her look at different kinds of people.



About 90% of the movement of Caroline's heart was as Kakeru had expected.

The remaining 10% was beyond Kakeru's expectations.

Caroline started to look more at humans, she started to look more and see their true nature.

Caroline was born as the Child of God—as the vessel for Solon, but Kakeru had never imagined that her powers would awaken, the ability to sort out souls.

Chapter 290 The Color of the Soul, Many Others

To confirm Caroline's new ability, to see check her eyes. Using my Warp Feather, I returned to the mansion with Caroline. "Ah! Master" When I warped to my bedroom, we encountered Miu who was making the bed. "Nana-san was searching for Master" "I also have business with Nana. Tell her to come here" "Yes!" Although Miu nodded, she did not take any other action and only continued to make the bed. It's not like she ignored my order. I've given Miu the lottery skill "Puppet Master". She probably used an idle puppet or one that is near Nana to call her. Suddenly, I noticed Caroline's eyes. She was staring at Miu. "What's the matter" "There's nothing"

"You can't see anything...? You are talking about Miu, that girl right?"

"Eh?"

"I can't see anything... why?"

Caroline nodded.

I can see a clear color of confusion from her expression.

[Isn't it because it's a puppet]

"Ahh, I see"

I realized after hearing Eleanor.

The one here isn't the original Miu. It's only a puppet made to look similar to her.

It's a soulless but well-made puppet.

"Well, naturally you can't see anything huh"

I was convinced, but Caroline was still confused.

I was about to comfort her by explaining it to her... but I stopped.

I want to test her eyes, so it's too early to comfort her.

It will be for the best if we proceed like this without giving her any preconception.

I thought of that and waited for a while after deciding not to say anything.

KonKon.

The bedroom's door was knocked and Nana entered.

"I have come to answer your summons. Aruji, I heard that you have business with me"

"Before that, let's start with yours. You also wanted something from me right?"

"Ha! I wanted to report that there are suspicious figures around the mansion for the past few days"

"Suspicious figures? Are they strong?"

"No. They are only at the level where the platoon leaders are able to defeat"

"I see. I'll leave dealing with them to you then. If you think it's not needed—no"

I stopped halfway and changed my words.

"Report to me after it's over. Bring with you those who have particular achievements"

I implied that I'll be giving them rewards.

Hearing that, Nana nodded with a more dignified expression than usual.

"What business did Aruji call me for?"

"Just stand right there—Caroline"

I made Nana stand by and looked at Caroline.

"How does she look?"

"She's so blinding"

"Blinding, huh"

"Un. Her light is amazing, it's as if I'm looking at the sky during the day"

"As strong as the sun huh"

I was convinced and became happy at the same time.

I became very happy hearing that the evaluation of Nana's soul was even better than I expected.

"Aruji...? What does that mean?"

"Don't mind it. It's over now"

"Haa...?"

"Come to my bedroom tonight. Make sure you're alone"

"—! Yes!"

Nana was surprised for an instant, but soon after, she made an unusually happy smile. If Caroline's eyes are correct, it means that Nana's soul is shining like the sun.

It makes me happy—it makes me want her.

And to execute my order, Nana left the mansion to take care of the matter of the suspicious figures.

I saw her off and when I was thinking who I should let Caroline take a look at.

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"Otou-san~!"

"Myu~!"
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The door was slammed open and Hikari and Chibi Dragon entered the room.

The lovely girl and the small dragon ran towards me and clung to me at the same time.

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"Otou-san~, welcome back!"
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"Yeah, I'm back. Were you playing with Olivia?"

"Un! I was playing with O-chan and everyone!"

"I see, I see. Are you tired? Want to eat some snack?"

"Un!"

"Miu"

"Understood"

Miu nodded and trotted out of the room, probably towards the kitchen.

Hikari hugged me, she's still the world's cutest girl as usual.

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"Ne~, ne~, Otou-san. Hikari wants to go to the hotsprings~"
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"Hotsprings huh"

"Un! I want my hair washed like an adult, just like what Otou-san taught me~"

"I see. I see"

The adult way of washing hair that Hikari said was one that doesn't use a shampoo hat, the one that washes the shampoo without looking down.

I told Hikari about that before, and since then, it looks like she started to like it. "Yosh~yosh. Let's go next time" "Un!" "Myu~, myuu~!" "O-chan said she wants to go too" "Ahh. of course" [Really, there's a limit on doting over her] I ignored Eleanor's voice and patted the world's cutest Hikari's head. "A-re~?" "What's the matter. Hikari" "Onee-chan... what's the matter?" Hikari looked at Caroline curiously. I followed her gaze... and noticed as well. Caroline was frightened for some reason. "What happened, Caroline" "I'm scared..." "Scared?"

I looked at the direction Caroline was looking at when she said she was scared. And then... it was Hikari.

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"Hohe~?"
"Uu... God~..."
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Caroline looked very frightened. She hid on my back and held my clothes tightly. She clung to me.

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"Is Hikari, scary?"
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"No, that's not true at all. Hikari is the cutest in the world"

"But, Onee-chan..."

"Even so, that's not true at all~~"

[Enough already, you doting idiot]

Eleanor scolded me with a slightly strong tone while rolling her eyes.

"What's going on?"

[You should be glad Hikari]

"Hohe~? What do you mean, Okaa-san"

[It seems that that girl can see the one's soul at its bare state]

"The soul?"

[Umu. It can also be described as one's true nature. What is Hikari's identity?]

"Hikari's a Demon Sword you know? I'm Okaa-san's daughter after all"

Hikari answered promptly.

She did not have any doubts about that, reacting as if it was something obvious.

[Umu. Hikari is a Demon Sword. A Demon Sword only second to this Eleanor in this world. Looking at your true nature, it is only natural that she is frightened]

"I see~!"

"...it's like that huh"

I understand what Eleanor is saying. I also got a better understanding of Caroline's eyes.

But it felt complicated.

I couldn't be convinced that Hikari, this lovely and the world's cutest girl would be a cause of fear.

"Ehehe~... Hikari became another step closer to Okaa-san again~"
[Umu. Continue to do your best]
"Un!"

But Hikari seems to like it and Eleanor and Hikari's conversation was the same as before.

Hikari became more of a Demon Sword... and that was proven.

I probably should be happy about it just like how Hikari does.

[You heard her]

"Ehehe~"

Hikari hugged Chibi Dragon and spun around.

She's so cute after all. However, Caroline as still scared of her despite how cute she looks.

It was somewhat of a surreal scene.

Suddenly, I became curious.

I turned around, subtly hiding Hikari's appearance, and asked Caroline.

"By the way, how do I look from you?"

"God?"

"Yeah, me"

Will she be afraid after all?

I'm the "Demon Sword Wielder" or Eleanor and Hikari after all. I'm even using the dark aura in daily life.

I thought that I'd be on the side that would frighten her, so I asked.

[If I can corrupt you with just that, I've already possessed you a long time ago]

Eleanor said while rolling her eyes.

Ahh, I see.

My resistance against the Demon Sword is 777x too after all.

And just like what Eleanor said.

"God is God"

"Un?"

"You are very... God... -ly? God is God, different from everyone else"

Caroline continued to call me god while her eyes became even more fervent.

Chapter 291 God and the Child of God

Caroline stared at me for a while.

Although her fervent eyes regained their calm, Caroline didn't stop staring at me.

"What's the matter, Caro—"

"God"

"—un? What is it?"

"I want to see many more kinds of people"

"Many kinds?"

"Un"

Caroline nodded clearly.

This might actually be the first time since we've met, the first time she "asked" something from me like this.

"I want to look at many many more people"

"Just look at them?"

"Un"

"...yosh, I got it"

I don't know what she's up to, but I wanted grant what she wants.

The current Caroline is completely different from when we just met.

During that time, her eyes were obscure, they were blank as if she did not have any goal.

But right now, it's the opposite. I don't know what "that" is, but her eyes are clearly showing her desire for "something".

If so, then I need to grant her need. "Let's go on a capitals tour then" "Capitals tour?" Hikari tilted her head and repeated what I said. "Yeah, we're going to go on all of the capitals of the five great kingdoms. Those cities have the most people after all" "That sounds fun~! Can Hikari go too?" "Of course" I would always unconditionally listen to my cute Hikari's requests. [Your sickness (being a doting parent) is getting worse] Eleanor said while rolling her eyes. I don't understand what she's saying so I didn't mind her. After telling Nana I'll be back during the night, I warped away bringing Caroline and Hikari with me. **%** Calamba Kingdom's royal capital, Meteora. We took a seat on a café terrace, giving Caroline the position where she could see the passersby well. Caroline stared at the people come and go very intently. "How is it? Do you think you can grasp anything?"

Caroline didn't answer.

She seemed to be so focused on the passersby that she couldn't hear my words.

"Onee-chan, she's so concentrated~"

"That's true. I'm curious what she's seeing and how she's seeing them"

"Even Otou-san doesn't know?"

"Not yet, at least. Although I can guess that it's something like her adjustment of the voice frequencies for her, there is still not enough information"

"Oh. But Onee-chan, she looks so pretty like that~"

"I agree"

Looking at Caroline watching the passersby, I found it pretty just like what Hikari said. She had her lips closed, her eyebrows tight, with her eyes staring straight forward. She looked as serious as she could be, making her very beautiful.

Suddenly, Caroline turned to me.

"What's the matter?"

""

But after staring at me for a while, she returned to watching the passersby once again.

"I wonder what it is~?"

"Who knows"

Although I don't understand her actions, I thought that I should let her do what she wants.

It was at that time. I heard high-pitched voices.

A group of women was moving at the same pace.

Looking closely, those women were surrounding a certain man.

The surrounded him while giggling and raising screams with laughter.

Taking another look, the man looked pretty handsome.

He has a swimmer's body and a handsome face. It's a good-looking guy enough to be a male idol.

[What the heck is that]

"An actor or maybe a singer—in this world, probably a bard or something? Or maybe he's a host... what's the closest to a host here?"

While guessing, I tried to match the differences between this world and my previous world.

[Hmm. That seems to be the case. He's pretty popular too, it seems]

"Is that so?"

[Look around him closely]

"Hmm...? Heh~, there's a lot of girls who couldn't get near but watching from afar"

[It looks like about thirty percent of the women around her like that guy]

"Seems true"

She probably didn't notice the commotion. Caroline saw that group for the first time when they passed right in front of us.

She was staring straight up until then, but her eyes suddenly followed that group.

After they reached a distance where she can't see them anymore, Caroline looked towards me once again.

...this, am I being compared?

That's probably so.

Caroline looked at many kinds of people, then look at me after doing that.

She's comparing me with other people. At least that's what it made me feel.

Although I didn't know why she's doing so, I let her do what she wants.

In the royal capital of the Aegina Kingdom, Rethim.

We're on the last part of our capitals tour. Under the setting sun, Caroline watched the passersby as she did in the four other capitals, and from time to time, she would look towards my direction.

I'm currently patting Hikari's head.

I patted Hikari who got tired and fell asleep and stared back at Caroline.

"God"

She was only comparing me to other people until now—but for the first time, Caroline opened her mouth.

"Un? Have you had enough?"

"Un, I've had enough"

"Have you grasped something?"

"God is God after all"

"You also said that before we went on the tour. Did you wanted to confirm that?"

"Un"

"I see"

"For what reason," I thought, but since Caroline is convinced by it, then I thought that that's fine too.

"...God"

"Un?"

Caroline reached out and took my hand.

She held my hand tightly, then brought it to her chest, hugging it strongly.

She used her hands to envelop my hands and hugged it tightly.

Her fingers were sinking to the back of my hand. She's holding it as tightly as she could.

"What's the matter, Caroline"

"I want God"

"Me?"

I thought of what she meant for an instant.

If she means it literally, then she's telling me she wants me to make love with her.

If it were anyone else within my harem, I would've instantly brought them to my bed after hearing them say such a cute line and loved them intensely.

But, it's a bit hard to say since it's Caroline.

I don't know if she's saying that "in that sense".

"God is so big, so bright, and so warm. He is different to any other; God is only God"

Her lines sounded a bit abstract, but it's probably her conclusion after this tour.

"Looking at God, I..."

Caroline was about to say it, but stopped.

She doesn't seem to have done it because of the usual shyness or embarrassment.

She had an expression saying that she wants to say something, yet cannot find the words to describe them.

That's why I took action from my side.

To confirm what the thing that she "wants" means literally what it is.

I reached out my hands, holding her chin and pulling her to me at the same time.

I gave the surprised Caroline a pecking kiss then stopped.

Caroline widened her eyes to surprise, but soon after.

She presses her lips strongly to mine.

She didn't even know how to close her eyes when kissing. She only pressed her lips to mine with eyes opened.

She—she strongly desires for me.

In other words, it was really like that.

I grabbed her on the shoulder and gently pushed her a little.

"Caroline"

"God?"

"Close your eyes, accept everything as it is"

"—! Yes!"

Seeing her eyes close, I brought her back to my mansion using my Warp Feather, and pushed her down on the bed.

[Kukuku, this must be incest since it's the God and the Child of God]

I flicked the joking Eleanor with my finger.

I looked at Caroline who desires me strongly. I took her clothes off and granted her wish.

Chapter 292 It is shining



"God ...?"

Caroline called out to me from the bed.

She sat up while naked, but she didn't even have the intent to hide her body.

Probably because of her upbringing, she seems to have even less sense of shame compared to "queens" or "princesses".

"You should just rest there. You must be tired, no need to push yourself"

"Un. But God"

"Hm?"

"You haven't had enough?"

Although she asked that as a question, she sounded pretty sure.

She asked me in that kind of tone.

"You can tell?"

"Un, God's light, it changed when we were doing it, but it's still like that right now"
[Kukuku, she has completely seen through you, finding out that you're still aroused]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger.

It's not that I'm "still" aroused, I am "being" aroused.

I answered to Caroline's question.

"Yeah, I'm going to Nana's place right now. I told her I'd come tonight after all"

"Nana...?"

"You don't remember her? She's the strongest—or rather"

I recalled Caroline's words.

"She's the woman as bright as the sun during the day"

"I remember her"

"I'm going to where she is right now"

"You're going, and do "that" to her?"

"You're right"

""

Caroline got silent.

She looked down, dropping her gaze to her legs. She seems to be thinking about something.

It was only a few tens of seconds that Caroline raised her head once again.

"Can I, watch?"

She asked, asking for something that would normally be an absurd request.



Inside my mansion, in a different bedroom.

Nana who was guided there by Miu was waiting.

She's not wearing her armor as usual. Instead, she's wearing long undergarments similar to hadajuban.

According to Nana, she's waiting for me wearing a "I've cleansed my body" attire.

I explained to her Caroline's request.

After listening to what I said until the end, Nana did not show any hesitation nor displeasure. She had an expression that seemed unaffected by that.

"Understood"

She answered.

"Are you sure? You're going to be watched"

"There is nothing to be ashamed in the act of receiving Aruji's affection. I do not have anything to be ashamed of being seen"

"I see"

"And also..."

Nana looked at Caroline.

"Frankly speaking—both of us are Aruji's women, that is more of a reason to not refuse"

"You can tell?"

"The air around her is different from what it was earlier in the afternoon"

"Her air, huh"

Nana doesn't have eyes with special abilities like Caroline—although I've given her the lottery cheat additional attack, she doesn't have something that could be called a special ability.

Nana Kanou is only an "ordinarily amazing sword master".

That's why I understood her saying "the air around her is different".

"Yosh, let's start"

"Ha!"

"I've also said this to Nikki and the others. When we're doing this, it's better if you relax a bit more"

"...yes"

Nana slightly blushed and placed her forefingers together in front of her chest. Seeing the strongest woman instantly become cute, I pushed her on the bed.

While feeling Caroline's gaze, I gently yet strongly made love with Nana matching it with her.

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After about roughly six hours of battling with Nana, I left her exhausted on the bed and faced Caroline.

She was still in her same position when I brought her into this room, she was watching us just like that.

"How was it? Did you find out anything?"

"The light got stronger"

"Nana's did?"

Caroline nodded.

"The blinding shine became even more blinding. Is it because of God?"

"I wonder. I don't know too"

I'm not doing it in that intention after all.

I only adored how a good woman Nana is.

I didn't do anything like making her become brighter just like what Caroline said.

"...will I, become even brighter after doing it with God?"

"I don't know about that, with two reasons"

"What about the other people?"

"You want to try?"

"Un, I want to"

Caroline nodded, so after giving it a thought, I decided to accept her request.



In the town of Ainon, in Solon's church.

I was waiting inside Caroline's room, until she brought a girl with her.

It's a girl that looked like a town's girl.

"Sorry to keep you waiting... is God here?"

As she entered, Caroline looked around searching for me.

I'm enveloped by my camouflage aura, so they can't see me.

"Yeah, I'm here"

"Please, this girl"

"Uhm... is there really God's message?"

"Un, with yourself, you should receive God's... uhm?"

"Grace"

I used a word that probably sounds like it and told Caroline.

"You are going to receive God's grace. You don't want to?"

"It's not that I don't, I just... can't believe it"

The girl brought by Caroline started fidgeting.

I approached the girl while enveloped by my aura and kissed her.

She looked surprised by the sudden action. However, she probably interpreted "invisible = work of God", so she immediately relaxed and leaned her body to mine.

I made love with the girl while Caroline was watching.



After we finished the deed, I let the girl sleep on the bed, and appeared in front of Caroline after removing my aura.

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"How was it?"
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"She started to shine"

"That means, she wasn't shining before?"

"Un, I brought someone like that"

[Hou, she's unexpectedly smart]

Eleanor was impressed.

"Ah...!"

"What happened?"

"The light... it disappeared"

"It disappeared?"

"Un, she stopped shining like earlier"

Caroline looked at the girl on the bed with a troubled expression.

"But she was shining... why?"

"You want to take a look at Nana?"

"Un"

I took out my Warp Feather and warped to the bedroom where Nana is.

She's still lying on the bed, breathing silently and rhythmically.

"How is it?"

"The light is still as strong"

"It hasn't gotten dimmer huh"

"Un, what does this mean ...?"

Caroline looked even more troubled. She even started to look like she's about to cry.

[Hmm]

"Did you find out anything, Eleanor?"

[This is only a hypothesis]

"Tell me"

[When looking at a person, you know that there are different ways to describe them depending on the person right?]

"Un? Ahh, Caroline calls it light and Nana calls it air. Is that what you're talking about?"

[Umu. In your case, it's whether it's a good woman or not]

"I see, it's how good a woman they are, huh"

[That's right. Soon after sleeping with you, they would get better as a woman, however—you should be able to guess what's next, right?]

"Yeah, I do"

I could really relate to that.

It's because all of the "good women" around me is like that.

Although the words we describe it might be different, all of them has a clear awareness of "becoming a good woman".

They would be strongly aware of that, and as they do things, they would make themselves grow.

All of my women are ones who have the awareness of becoming stronger themselves in their own way. Not just waiting for something given by others.

That's why their light doesn't disappear.

Based on that, I looked at Caroline.

She still has an expression that's about to cry.

She's probably worried that her "light" might disappear.

The way she looked, it was somewhat similar to my other women.

"Don't worry, Caroline"

I placed an arm around her waist and pulled her to me, then gave her a short kiss.

"You are shining"

"Really?"

"Yeah, I guarantee it"

When I said that to her, Caroline looked like a lost child finding her parent.

Her expression changed to that of mixed relief and happiness.

Chapter 293 Caroline's Mirror

Morning the next day.

Caroline is "watching" Miu beside me while I'm eating the breakfast served by Miu.

She's staring at Miu very intently as she was serving our food.

"What's the matter, Caroline"

"I'm curious, she's shining but sometimes not shining"

"Ahh, two of the three Miu's are puppets... well, that probably doesn't make sense huh. The one with the light is the original Miu, and the ones without light are the puppets Miu is controlling"

"They're puppets... that's why they won't shine"

"That's right"

Even after finding out the trick, Caroline continued to observe Miu as she left and entered the room.

Miu looked a bit uncomfortable being stared at, but even so, it's amazing that she doesn't let her work get affected by it.

"Ah!"

"What's the matter... ah, Nana huh"

I followed Caroline's gaze when she raised her voice and saw Nana enter instead of Miu.

"So blinding..."

Caroline whispered. It's only natural.

[It didn't end with just your daughter huh. You started to brag about your woman] "After all, she's a good woman no matter who looked"

"Aruji. I am very sorry to trouble you, but I would like to ask for a request"

"What is it? Tell me"

"The slave troops have not fought with Aruji for a while now"

"Hm? Ahh, now that you mentioned it. The last time was—during that case in Aegina huh"

[Hmm. It feels like it's already been a year since though]

I flicked Eleanor for making dangerous remarks and looked at Nana.

"What's wrong with that?"

"And in the meantime, Aruji has achieved various feats. Especially the episode where you went to the past—you must have experienced an amazing adventure and achieved growth that it is impossible for us to imagine. And so—"

Nana became even more serious, staring at me with a sharp gaze.

"I wish to let everyone see Aruji's full power right now"

"My full power, huh"

"I understand that this is impolite, but please!"

Nana bowed her head.

She's not just strong, but this part of her is also what makes her a good woman.

I did not say anything. I only stood up from my seat, placed an arm around Nana's waist, and pulled for a kiss.

That was enough for a reply.



After eating breakfast, we're in the training grounds of my residence.

The slave soldiers gathered there and I stood in front of them.

I was going to use my full power, so I brought Hikari as well in her Demon Sword form.

"Well, that's fine as well but, full power... full power huh"

I thought about full power, with what?

I looked around.

I see the 200 slave soldiers and Nana standing in front of them.

There is Caroline and Miu behind me, and at a distance, I saw Althea being "just Althea" show up, although she would usually not show herself and just idle around my mansion.

Adding the fact that my women are watching me, it makes me want to do something amazing.

I've already done the 200 vs 1 Musou, and it's a bit too common.

"Myu~, myuu~"

When I was deep in my thoughts like that, I heard the Chibi Dragon Olivia cry below, and she pushed her body to me.

Olivia... Olivia huh.

And... Miu too.

"—Yosh. I've decided. Nana, move aside"

"Ha!"

"All of you 200 slave soldiers, spread out. Take enough space thinking that your training opponent is in front of you and the mock battle is about to start"

"""Ha!"""

The slave soldiers responded with a perfectly coordinated shout and spread out as I have told them.

"Yosh—lend speed to Nana Kanou"

{Speed will be lent to Nana Kanou. Time Remaining: 2 minutes 59 seconds} "And, Copy Plus"

The lottery skills, lending abilities, and copy plus.

I lent Nana who has an amazing speed my 777x multiplier and copied her speed adding it to mine.

I have 777x Nana's speed right now.

I made clones by taking advantage of that speed.

It's not clones that have a real substance. They're just clones made by my afterimages using brute speed.

I created exactly 200 clones, just enough for each slave soldiers.

My growth for a while.

Miu's Puppet Master and Hikari and Eleanor's drake soldiers summons.

What I came up with combining both were these 200 clones.

Seeing the huge numbers of clones, the slave soldiers got surprised and confused, unable to take actions.

"""Yosh, all of you. Come at me"""

I continued to urge the stunned slave soldiers.

"""If you can land a blow on me, I'll spend a whole day adoring you one on one"""

Instantly, the eyes of the slave soldiers lit up.

All of them readied their weapons, then attacked all at once.

I glanced at Nana.

Although I feel bad for doing this after baiting the slave soldiers, I followed Nana's scheme.

In the state of having 200 clones, I won against the 200 slave soldiers.

200 vs 200.

In a state where it's difficult to tell whether it's musou or not, I easily took care of everyone.



After losing, the slave soldiers looked frustrated and at the same time, looked like they have fallen for me even more.

Their eyes were filled with a mix of those two emotions.

And soon after, Nana stood up in front of those slave soldiers.

"You are too weak to receive Aruji's love one on one right now. Begin training!"

With that command, the slave soldiers started moving.

They looked like they're training harder, with their drills becoming fiercer and harder than the day before.

[Kukuku, this was her aim huh]

"That's seems to be the case"

[With this, these lasses will grow even more. Maybe someday, all of them might be able to land a blow on you. You won't have enough body to use]

"In that case, that's what you call a pleasant problem"

I said that and watched Nana and the slave soldiers train. Suddenly, I felt someone's gaze from the side. I looked and saw Caroline standing beside me, staring at me very intently. "What's the matter, Caroline" "God, what happened, what was that?" "Hm? What do you mean?" "That person's light became super strong, and after that, God's light became stronger too" "Ahh, the Copy Plus huh" I explained to her the lottery skill Copy Plus. "Copy..." "Well, it's like giving something as it is" "Giving... as it is..." "It's something like a mirror" "A mirror..." Caroline fell into deep thought. "What's the matter" She didn't answer, only continued to think. After a while, she looked up to me. "God"

"Hm?"

"How is it?"

"What do you—," the instant I thought of that.

"U00?!!"

I couldn't help but cover my eyes.

A light so bright I've never seen before blinded me when I looked ahead.

It was like—looking at the sun using a binocular.

It was a light as bright as that.

[Umu. It was as blinding as that]

"Did you saw it?"

"Did I saw...? Was that you right now?"

"Un... I thought that I wanted God to see it. It went well..."

I asked back after the light calmed down, still rubbing my eyes.

"What do you mean?"

"I let God see the light as it is"

"God... you mean me?"

"I expressed myself as a mirror, showing God the light in itself"

"A mirror..."

[Kukuku, this is a masterpiece]

[Otou-san's so amazing~! So bright~!]

The light that felt as if I was looking at the sun using binoculars, according to Caroline, it was my light.

Chapter 294 Demon Sword and Light

As soon as Caroline stopped letting me "see" it, the blinding light disappeared. The ability that she awakened, it was the power to see the light of souls.

I got a bit interested in how she's seeing the people around her with those eyes.

"Caroline"

"What is it, God?"

"Who has the strongest light in this mansion?"

"God"

Caroline answered instantly.

She had an unwavering expression as if she was just saying what's natural.

[Kukuku]

"Other than me"

"If it's other than God... that person wearing a mantle"

"Nana huh. Well, I guessed so"

"Also, that small something in the mansion's direction"

"Small something?"

Was there something like that?

"It cries like myu~ myuu~..."

Seeing me tilt my head, Caroline added with a fading voice.

"Ahh, Olivia huh. I see, she's a small something"

[The ex-Dragon King, of course her light is strong]

[0-chan's amazing~]

"Also, that person idling around"

I'm starting to get Caroline's descriptions.

Up until now, she was not interested in humans—no, she wasn't interested in anything other than "god", so she doesn't remember their names.

That's why, she calls them exactly "how she saw them".

"By idling around, you mean Althea huh"

"These three has the strongest"

"I see"

[In other words, the most special within your harem huh]

[Hikari will go and tell O-chan~!]

After saying that, Hikari returned to her human form from her Demon Sword form—but soon after.

"Hiii!"

Caroline who was calm up until then raised a scream and her body turned stiff.

"Onee-chan?"

"What's the matter, Caroline?... ahh, you're afraid of Hikari huh. Good for you, Hikari" "Un! Hikari's being a true Demon Sword~!"

Hikari smiled innocently.

Hikari who has a special "look" with Caroline's eyes.

She said that it's very dark, completely opposite to light.

With Eleanor's education, Hikari started to think proud of that. However, as I've thought, it isn't good to let Caroline see something she's afraid of for a long time.

"Hikari, go play with Olivia" "Un!" Hikari cutely trotted away. Hmm~, she's so cute after all. She's so cute I almost feel like hearing cute, comical anime sounds with every step she takes. [You doting parent] Say what you want. After seeing Hikari off, I looked at Caroline. She had a clearly relieved expression. "By the way, you suddenly got afraid of Hikari" "Un, she suddenly appeared after all" "Well, that's when she turned to her human form, but she was here as a Demon Sword right?" "I didn't see the light when she's a sword" "Hm?" [Hou... then how about me?] Eleanor asked with a very interested tone. And when I told Caroline what she said. "How...? A normal sword?" "Isn't her light—or rather, doesn't she look dark, corrupted, and rotten?" [Who are you calling rotten] Eleanor protested.

"Un, there's nothing"

"Hmm... what do you think?"

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[Although this is just my guess... try to let go of me. Let me see, you should leave me here and go at a distance away]

"I got it"

I did what Eleanor said, putting her on the ground and took some distance.

I was thinking of what would happen—but it was quicker than I expected.

It was when I'm about ten meters away.

As soon as I became that far away from Eleanor, Caroline released a scream again.

After looking that for a second, I returned, picked up Eleanor, and asked Caroline.

"Did you see it?"

"It was so dark... darker than the one before"

[I am Hikari's mother after all]

"You seem satisfied"

[Kukuku, naturally]

Eleanor said with a pleased laugh. She sounded even more cheerful than usual, sounding especially happy.

Leaving aside Eleanor, I asked Caroline.

"Are you okay right now?"

"God is holding it, so I'm okay"

"It got hidden within the light huh"

[Is there a difference in the brightness of your light, when you're holding me or not?]

I told Caroline what Eleanor asked.

"Not at all, God is God. God is always bright and shining"

It looks like the light of my soul isn't affected by the Demon Sword.

She said that it's enough to one-sidedly envelope the "fear" of the Demon Sword.

[That doesn't sound interesting]

Although Eleanor said that, unlike her words, she sounded satisfied with it.

Chapter 295 The Mirror of Truth

In the training grounds of the	Goshaku residence,	Caroline watched	d the slave soldiers
training intently.			

Suddenly, she exclaimed "ah!".

"What's the matter, Caroline"

"That person, her light became a bit brighter"

"Hm? That is... Nikki huh"

"It's flickering"

"Flickering... huh"

Caroline nodded silently.

I looked at Nikki.

Nikki, the captain of the first platoon of the slave troops, is swinging her sword as she's training her subordinates.

The higher ranked would spar with those with lower ranks. Because of that, Nikki did not stop swinging her sword as her subordinates continued to attack her one next to the other.

Every time her opponent changed, Nikki makes a certain gesture.

She does that gesture every time the training—the mock battle starts.

"A routine huh"

"Routine?"

Caroline tilted her head.

"Ahh, a habit... should I call it? By making a pattern of the preparatory actions, it increases one's performance during the real fight"

"???"

Caroline tilted her head.

She doesn't understand with just that huh. It might be better if I give her an example.

After thinking for a while.

"Caroline prays to god right?"

"Un, I pray to God"

"Are the contents of your prayer different every day?"

"...un, it's a bit different"

"But every day, you place your hands together"

"...I do"

"That action of placing your hands together is the routine. By placing your hands together you will be preparing yourself as telling your body "I am going to offer my prayers to god""

"By praying with my hands together, the light would get stronger"

That is a bit off, but... well whatever, I thought.

I looked at Nikki again.

Her routine every time the mock matches start, she was making a gesture as if to pray to something.

And when I was looking at her for a while like that, my eyes met Nikki's as she made her routine.

"Ah! Her light got stronger"

"It did huh"

"Un... God"

"What's the matter?"

"I want to return to Ainon" Caroline looked straight at me. Unusually, a request coming from her. **%** I took out my Warp Feather and brought Caroline to Ainon. I enveloped myself with my camouflage aura, making me invisible. Caroline approached a believer that was always around in the church and said something to that believer. That person was surprised, saying "what is this light!". It looks like Caroline used her awakened ability to show that person their light. "It is your light" "My light?" "The light of your soul" "...haa" "Pray" "Pray...? You mean now?" "Un... pray to God" "That's alright, but..." The believer didn't continue, but had an expression asking "what is this all about". Even so, that believer lost to Caroline's eagerness, so that person prayed with hands together. After a while— "Wa! The light got stronger"

"Un"

"This is...?" "By praying to God, the light gets stronger" When Caroline answered like that, the other believers who were watching from a distance were stirred. [Hou? It gets stronger huh] "It's what they call "those who believe shall be saved"" [Kukuku, that's an interesting phrase] While Eleanor was making a lively laugh like that, the believers who were watching approached. "This is... my soul?" "Ahh! I was, after all, a person this small..." "But, it got stronger when I prayed" They raised heated discussions. Their emotions started to whirl around, the energy gradually increased. The movement of those disordered emotions started to make a swirl. "Since we're at it, let's give them some boost" [How are you going to do that?] "Let me see..."

When Caroline said that, the surroundings were stirred.

"Caroline"

"God"

The oracle of the Child of God, it is something that happened many times now.

I approached Caroline while enveloped by my camouflage aura and called out to her.

Some of the believers kneeled as quickly as they could, placing their hands together.

Well then, it's show time.

I adjusted my camouflage aura... making it retain its divineness.

"The power I have given you, you are using it well"

"T-This is?"

"I can hear a voice"

"This voice, is it God?!"

I made it so that not only Caroline, but everyone in this place can hear me, while hiding my appearance.

While everyone else was confused, Caroline replied as she would usually do.

"Un, I am making everyone see the light of their soul"

"You must continue to show them. That power... the Mirror of Truth"

The believers became agitated.

I can hear the words "Mirror of Truth" being said from here and there.

I could see eyes full of expectations and reverence.

Those gazes that continued to get stronger were pointed towards Caroline.

Words are important.

The difference between possessing an "unknown" power and possessing the "Mirror of Truth" announced in god's words are worlds apart.

The light that Caroline showed, the change in before and after praying.

That became a foundation, supporting the power of the words "Mirror of Truth".

As a result.

Their reverence—it got stronger almost endlessly, and all of it was pointed towards Caroline.

The Mirror of Truth of the Child of God.

The word of it quickly spread out, making Caroline's fame increase further.

It was not only limited to Ainon. Believers from all over the world came to visit Caroline to pray in front of her.

While the election for the position of the Pope got nearer, Caroline's fame became as solid as a rock.

Chapter 296 Divinification

On this day as well, Caroline is watching the believers pray.

Enveloped with my camouflage aura, I watched over her invisible.

The believers offer their prayers, and as they did, Caroline would show them "the light of their soul".

Most of the people who saw the light of their souls were convinced.

Firstly, they have the preconception that "it is their own selves".

Following that, there is the influence of it being shown to them by the "Child of God".

And furthermore, the light gets stronger after their prayers—it seems that this part depends on how strong the faith and prayer of the person in question.

The news about that was spread everywhere by those who would repeatedly come, leading to the gathering of the believers from all over the continent around Caroline.

On the other hand, Caroline herself was staring at the one praying.

Learning how to enjoy looking at people, she would observe those who have come to visit her.

"Ah...!"

Suddenly, Caroline raised her voice.

The Child of God who was dealing with them with a practical and flowing way showed a different reaction than usual.

The surroundings were stirred. The girl who was Caroline was observing looked confused.

"Uhm... did I do anything wrong?"

"Not at all, you are shining brightly. You have the brightest light for today"

"Ah!"

"""Ohh!!"""

Caroline showed the others the light of the girl.

It's true that it was one of the brightest among the believers who came to visit Caroline.

"I would wish God would make you even brighter"

"Is that possible?"

"It is, with God"

Caroline answered instantly.

I mean, God=me, and since she's telling me to make her brighter, she means—

[Sleep with her. That's what she means]

It's probably that.

I gave the girl another look.

Her age is about that of a high school student, and she seems to be a lady from a wealthy family.

Though she's not the type that is sheltered and frail, she's the type of a lady brought up well in a proper family.

In Caroline's standards, she has the "brightest light for today", and in my standard... let me see.

Probably someone who would become a good woman.

Since that's the case, there's no need for me to hold back.

"Caroline"

"God!"

I called out to her while enveloped with my camouflage aura. Even in this state, Caroline is still able to hear my voice.

The surroundings made a commotion because she said "God!" loudly.

"I'll make her light stronger. Tell her to close her eyes and accept everything"

"I got it!"

"Just continue to let everyone else see her light"

"Un!"

Caroline told the girl my words.

The lady-like girl was surprised for an instant but nodded with a delightful expression in the next.

"I understood!"

After saying that, she slowly closed her eyes.

I enveloped her with my camouflage aura.

"S-She disappeared"

"But, but she was there a moment ago..."

"Was she summoned by God?!"

The surroundings were stirred.

The instant I enveloped her with my camouflage aura, no one can see her anymore, so they were surprised by that.

I reached out my hand and touched the girl's cheek.

The girl flinched.

"Accept everything"

That's all that I said.

"—! Yes!"

The nodded made a huge nod and relaxed her body while closing her eyes.

I gave the girl her "grace".

"Ohhh!"

"The light, the light is becoming stronger!"

"We must be witnessing God's miracle!"

The girl who was in the church a moment ago was summoned by god and the light of her soul became a level stronger.

Everyone in that place, everyone other than Caroline.

They kneeled, praised god=me, and offered their prayers.

"Caroline"

"What is it, God"

"I'll leave the selection to you. Just tell me if there are those who you want their lights to become stronger"

"I got it. I'll pray to God if I find someone whose light is better to be stronger"
"""Ohhhhhh!"""

Although they could only hear half of the conversation because they could only hear Caroline, even so, the believers were agitated.

Caroline's position of being the "Child of God" became even sturdier.

Chapter 297 A Clumsy God

Along the way to the village called Patras near Ainon.

Caroline is there walking together with the believers of the Solon Church she brought with her. I'm following her while my appearance is hidden by my camouflage aura.

"Haa... haa..."

"Are you alright, Caroline-sama"

"Do you wish to take a break?"

The believers who followed Caroline asked worriedly.

"I'm fine, more importantly, let's hurry to the village"

"We do not need to hurry, it is not like Patras would disappear"

"That's true. Or rather, there is a church school in Ainon made for Patras, so we could've let them come instead"

Caroline slowly shook her head after hearing the believers' words.

"I want to see everyone's soul as they are usually. That's why I'm going"

Hearing Caroline's words, the believers were surprised for an instant, then got impressed.

"Understood. If that is so, please drink water at the very least"

"You can do it while walking, so. Please"

"Un, thank you"

The group headed towards Patras while supporting Caroline.

[Kukuku, she's finally had a charisma pulling others]

"Yeah, it's not just because she's the Child of God. They are following her due to her own charisma"

Although I'm enveloped by my camouflage aura, Caroline can still hear my voice.

So I watched over her from a distance where she wouldn't hear my voice, while chatting with Eleanor.

[With this, there shouldn't be any problem for her to become the Pope]

"Instead, I'm bothered by whether pushing that role to her is okay"

[Hmm. In the first place, it was something that that Immortal Saintess didn't want to do after all]

"If Caroline didn't awaken, I would've pushed it to her without any problem"

[Since this has happened, you want to respect her will huh. Kukuku, you are really soft to good women]

Eleanor teased me, so I flicked her blade with a finger, creating a beautiful sound.

Suddenly—a group appeared in front of Caroline's group.

It was a group of armed men, they look like bandits.

I counted them with a glance and saw roughly a hundred of them—there's quite a lot of them.

"He, he, he..."

"Today's a good day. I didn't think we'd meet such organized prey in this crappy place"

The two men in front of them approached Caroline with vulgar expressions.

The faces of the believers changed.

"C-Caroline-sama"

"Please run away"

Although their faces paled, all of them showed enough courage to prioritize Caroline's escape.

[Just this number of enemy, you should clean them up quickly]

"...no, wait"

[Umu? What's the matter]

"Caroline seems a bit strange"

I looked at Caroline while I said that.

In comparison to the people around her being scared and limp, Caroline wasn't afraid. She stared straight at the group of bandits with clear eyes.

"W-What's the matter, Caroline-sama"

"I'm going to take a look"

"Look...? You mean—eh?"

"Are you saying, the light of those bandits' soul?"

The believers were stirred.

Most of them were like "why at a time like this".

"Ah...! It's dim..."

The next instant, Caroline showed a disappointed expression.

"It's true. Oh wait! This isn't the time for that"

"Since you've taken a look, please hurry up and run away"

Caroline showed the believers the light of their soul as usual, but the bandits looked like they didn't care, they weren't surprised.

And while that happened, the roughly 100 bandits got closer, they're finally right in front of Caroline.

[Let's do it]

"Yeah"

I nodded and sprinted while unsheathing Eleanor.

From a distance where my voice couldn't be heard—I instantly appeared near the bandits and swung Eleanor.

Blood clouds danced and added the fact that I'm invisible, the bandits were slashed without resistance.

"Guhaa!"

"W-What happ—UGYAAAA!"

"What is—GOFHUHU!"

The bandits fell into panic. All of them didn't understand what's happening, dying without even knowing how to counterattack or resist.

I glanced at Caroline and saw the other believers as well.

Most of them looked stunned, as if they completely cannot follow the situation.

"Let's do it, Eleanor!"

[Umu? Ahh, that divine punishment huh]

Eleanor understood my intent correctly due to our long relationship.

I pulled out Eleanor's powers and dropped a dark lightning.

One by one, I dropped a dark lightning in each of the slaughtered bandits.

"It's God"

"It's divine punishment! This, I've seen this before"

The believers became stirred.

I've done it before and there is some among them who witnessed it.

Divine punishment towards those disrespectful ones, trying to attack the Child of God. That story spread within the believers.

—and.

"Hmph!"

I cleaved Eleanor horizontally, releasing a flying slash.

The huge boulder that is several tens of meters away was sharply torn apart.

The believers looked confused, the didn't know what happened.

One woman appeared from the other side of the crumbling boulder.

It's a woman wearing high-class clerical clothes of the Solon Church.

It's a woman I've met before, if I'm correct... was it Eudora?

[You are really soft on women]

"Haa? What do you mean"

I asked Eleanor back, but the answer came from a different direction.

"Head Priest... eh? No way"

"It's dim... no, this it's dark even"

"Ehhhhhhh?! That person is like... this? —Ha! Don't tell me, this group of bandits were..."

The ability activated by Caroline was also used on Eudora, letting the believers see the light of her soul.

[Kukuku, although you completely forget about men, you still remember a woman's no matter how bad they are]

"Mu!"

Usually, I'm able to refute Eleanor with our usual bantering, but this time made me feel a bit embarrassed.

Chapter 298 Pope Caroline

Head Priest Eudora.

With her elegant beauty and friendly attitude, she has many supporters within the Solon Church, but there are rumors going around about her dirty soul appearing in front of the Child of God's "Mirror of Truth".

In the beginning, it was only rumored, but she faced off with Caroline many times during official occasions, and her dirty soul was exposed every time. And soon after, she stopped appearing at places where Caroline would be present.

Her image of being a black-bellied woman who is only beautiful on the surface was completely established, making her fall as quick as the blink of an eye.



During the night in my mansion, on top of the bedroom's bed.

Beside the sleeping "just Althea", I sat up and got deep into my thoughts.

Although I thought of many things, I couldn't find an answer.

[You should just ask her]

"...I guess so"

As Eleanor said, there's no helping it even if I worry about it.

Either way, if she tells me she doesn't want to, then I'll find another way.

[Kukuku]

Eleanor didn't say anything, she only laughed ringing her throat.

It's a laugh that's even worse than saying anything directly, so I reached out my hand

and flicked her with a finger.

And in that bedroom where a clear sound echoed, the door was opened slowly.

The one who appeared was—it was Caroline.

Still having no custom of knocking, the door was soon opened and she entered her head to take a peek.

"God?"

"What's the matter?"

"God, are you okay?"

"Hm?"

"What does she mean?," I tilted my head. And seeing that, Caroline completely entered the room and sat beside me.

After getting closer, she saw Althea sleeping silently.

"Ah! An amazing person"

"Is she amazing even while asleep?"

"Un, she's amazing even while asleep... she's so amazing..."

Caroline let out an impressed sigh.

It looks like, to her special eyes, the Great Sage Althea is shining so brightly.

If I leave her alone, she might stare at her the whole night, so I interrupted her.

"Didn't you have something you need from me?"

"Ah. un"

Caroline looked away from Althea and stared at me.

"God, do you have something, you want to say?"

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"...you can tell?"
"Un"
"Did my light flicker or something?"
"Not at all, God's light wouldn't weaken by just that. I just felt that you want to say
something"
Caroline said without worry and guess.
Just like what she said, it looks like she really just felt it like that.
"You even started to be able to tell that"
"After seeing many people, I could somewhat tell"
"Regardless of their light?"
Caroline made a clear nod.
"That's amazing"
"Is that so?"
"Normally, people wouldn't be able to go so far. You must've been really serious in
observing people"
It's that Caroline.
So since she came from her side, I thought that I should stop worrying about it myself.
"I'll ask you frankly, would you like to become the Pope?"
"Pope?"
"Yeah"
"What will happen if I do?"
"You'll become important"
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Caroline tilted her head.

She looks like she doesn't understand enough if I only told her she'd become

important.

"What happens if I do?"

"That's a difficult question. Being important is having an authority, there are countless people whose goal is to be one"

I almost said "just like Eudora" but I stopped.

Receiving my words, Caroline gave it a thought.

"Does God, wants me to be one?"

"I did, at least before. In the beginning, I acted so that you could be one"

"I see. If I become it... would my time to look at people decrease?"

"No, it might even increase instead"

[Umu. When one becomes important and with authority, they would meet many people all the time]

"I'll become one then"

Caroline answered instantly.

She answered so easily, that I was even surprised.

"Are you sure?"

"I can see more people right? Then I will"

"...I see"

"Fu," I laughed.

It was an answer that really sounded like Caroline.

And Caroline who made such an answer looked pleasing—she looked endearing.

[That also really sound like you]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger for trying to spoil my good mood with a splash of cold water.

After that, I pulled Caroline into an embrace.

"God"

"I'll tell you properly this time. You should become the Pope"

"Un, I will"

"I'll tell you later what you're going to do"

"I got it. I'll do what God says—God"

"Un?"

"I, I feel a bit strange"

"What happened?"

"Seeing God happy just like now, it makes me happy too. I wonder if I used the mirror too much—"

I kissed Caroline who unconsciously spat out adorable lines and pushed her on the bed.



I've confirmed Caroline's willingness.

Caroline, the Child of God.

Caroline, who pushed forward the idea of the church schools.

Caroline, who could let one see the light of their soul through the Mirror of Truth.

Half of it was due to her own abilities—and half of it was due to the help of Delfina, Helene, and the other royalty.

With all of those mixed together.

Caroline easily won the Pope elections.

She became the "new" Solon Church's Pope.



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